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15 ,,	KAISAR-I-HIND ..		11,430
22 ,,	RAZMAK ..	MALWA* ..	10,940
29 ,,	RANCHI ..		16,650
5 Feb.	RAZMAK ..	MALOJAx ..	20,830
12 ,,	RAJPUTANA ..		16,568
19 ,,	RAZMAK ..	MOREA* ..	10,918
26 ,,	RAWALPINDI ..		16,619
5 Mar.	RAZMAK ..	NALDERAx ..	15,993
12 ,,	RANPURA ..		16,585
19 ,,	RAZMAK † ..		10,602
23 ,,	CHINAq ..		7,952
26 ,,	KAISAR-I HIND ..		11,430
2 April	NARKUNDAx ..		16,227
9 ,,	RANCHI ..		16,650
16 ,,	RAZMAK† ..		10,602
23 ,,	RAJPUTANA ..		16,568
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7 May	RAWALPINDI ..		16,619
14 ,,	RAZMAK ..	MALWA† ..	10,940
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28 ,,	RAZMAK ..	MALOJA x ..	20,837
4 June	KAISAR-I-HIND ..		11,430
11 ,,	RAZMAK ..	MOREA* ..	10,918
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4th Jan. '27	DELTA ..	China & Japan.
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8th ,,	NELLORE ..	China & Japan
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23rd December, 1926. 27859

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MINUTES of Proceedings of the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders held at the Registered Office, Hongkong House, Calcutta at 11 o'clock on MONDAY, the 20th day of December, 1926.

PRESENT:

Mr. G. H. FAIRHURST, Chairman.

Mr. C. A. Jones.
Mr. G. L. Scott.
Mr. B. C. Studd.
Mr. J. M. Ray.
Mr. B. K. Basu
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Mr. T. M. Shewell.
Mr. A. V. Nicolle.
Mr. B. N. Dutt.
Mr. W. M. Glover.
Mr. L. M. Snelgrove

The Notice calling the Meeting having been read, the following Resolutions were submitted:—

Proposed by MR. G. H. FAIRHURST.

Seconded by MR. J. M. RAY.

1. (a) "That the following Article be inserted after Article 60:—

60A. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, no increase of the Company's share capital shall be effected without the consent of the Bengal Iron Co., Ltd., while the Participating Debenture for Rs. 75,000 issued by the Company to the Bengal Iron Company, Ltd., remains outstanding.

(b) "That the following Article be inserted after Article 75:—

75A. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, no new Debentures or Debenture Stock of the Company shall be created without the consent of the Bengal Iron Co., Ltd., while the Participating Debenture for Rs. 75,000 issued by the Company to the Bengal Iron Co., Ltd., remains outstanding, and while the said Debenture remains outstanding no money shall be raised or borrowed on behalf of the Company without the consent of the Bengal Iron Co., Ltd., except by way of temporary loan upon the collateral security of any Debentures of the Company authorised, but not issued or agreed to be issued before the date of the said Participating Debenture. But this Article shall not debar the Company from renewing or re-issuing, without such consent, any Debentures created or authorised before the date of the said Participating Debenture.

(c) "That the following Article be inserted after Article 107:—

107A. While the Participating Debenture for Rs. 75,000 issued by the Company to the Bengal Iron Co., Ltd., remains outstanding, the Bengal Iron Co., Ltd., shall be at liberty to appoint two Directors and to remove from office any person so appointed, and whenever any person so appointed shall cease to be a Director to appoint another Director in his place, but so that no appointment shall have effect unless and until the appointee shall be approved of by a Resolution of the Directors of the Company. The appointment shall have effect notwithstanding that it shall raise the number of Directors beyond the maximum fixed by Article 106. Every such appointment and removal shall be effected by a resolution of the Directors of the Bengal Iron Co., Ltd., of which notice in writing shall be given to the Company. The Directors so appointed shall not, while the said Debenture remains outstanding, be subject to retirement by rotation under Article 116. Subject as in this Article provided all the provisions of these Articles relating to Directors shall apply to every Director appointed under this Article.

(d) "That the following words be inserted after the word "Debentures" appearing in the last line of Article 127 ("other than the debenture issued to the Bengal Iron Company, Limited")."

Carried unanimously.

Proposed by MR. L. M. SNELGROVE.

Seconded by Mr. C. C. Ugurwal.

2. "That the definite period of appointment of Messrs. Burn and Co. as the Managing Agents of the Company be extended for a further period of 10 years, such further period to commence to run from the date of the expiry of their existing definite period of 10 years."

Carried unanimously.

Proposed by MR. B. S. BOSE.

Seconded by MR. J. N. DUTT.

3. "That the figures '10' appearing in line 7 of Article 126 be deleted and the figures '20' be substituted in lieu thereof."

Carried unanimously.

With a vote of thanks to the Chair the Meeting terminated.

G. H. FAIRHURST.
Chairman.
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NEW YORK AND LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

	To-day's price.
January	12.37—.06
March	12.61—.06
May	12.82—.05
July	13.01—.08
October	13.21—.07
Middling Spot.	13.05—.05

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

	To-day's Bales.
Day's Receipts at all U.S. Ports	51,000 "
" Exports To Great Britain	13,000 "
" " " the Continent	35,000 "

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

	To-day's price
January	12.43—.05
March	12.56—.06
Middling Spot	12.47

NEW YORK DEMAND BILLS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23

	To-day's Rate.
Demand Bills	484.81

COFFEE—NEW YORK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 23.

Fair Rio Coffee (No. 7 quality) Spot:—15-1/16

LIVERPOOL COTTON

LIVERPOOL Dec. 23.

	To-day's Closing
December	6.57+.03
January	6.63—.04
February	6.66—.04
March	6.74—.06
April	6.79—.06
May	6.86—.06
June	6.91—.06
July	6.97—.05
August	7.00—.05
September	7.03—.05
October	7.05—.04
November	7.07—.04
December	7.09—.04
Middling Spot.	6.78—.09

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.

	To-day's sale.
	Bales.
Sales at Liverpool	5,000 "
Sales on Speculation	500 "
Sales of East Indian Cotton	Nil "

To-day's Price.

New York, 10.55 A.M.

(As known in Liverpool at closing time.)

January	12.47
March	12.72
May	12.92

New York, Noon Call.

January	12.45
March	12.69
May	12.90

New Orleans. 9-55 A. M.

January	12.54
March	12.6

INDIAN COTTON

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.

	To-day's closing.
Scinde, Good	4.80+10
" Fully Good	5.05,,10
" Fine	5.30,,10
Bengal, Good	4.90,,10
" Fully Good	5.15,,10
" Fine	5.40,,10
Oomra, Good,	5.65,,10
" Fully Food	5.90,,10
" Fine	6.15,,10
Broach, Good	5.60,,10
" Fully Good	5.90,,10
" Fine	6.20,,10

EGYPTIAN COTTON

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.

	To-day's Closing
December	13.01—.03
January	12.87—.03
February	12.70—
March	12.56—
April	12.48—.02
May	12.43—.02
June	12.38—.02
July	12.34—.01
August	12.36—.01
September	12.42— 01
October	12.42— 01
November	12.34—.04
December	12.34—.04
Sakellaridis, F.G.F., Spot	13.90— 15

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON Dec. 23.

	To-days' Price.
Chartered Bank of I. A. & C.	£ 19-3-4
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Register).	£ 113-1/2
P. & O. Banking Corporation	£ 10-3-4
National Bank	£ 48
Eastern Bank	£ 6-1/8
Funding Loan 4%	£ 85
Conversion Loan	£ 74-3/4
Indian Loan 5 1/2 per cent	£ 101-3/4
Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent	£ 57
Indian Stock 3 1/2 per cent Sterling Loan '71	
Government Securities 3%	£ 59-5/8
Consols	£ 54
War Loan 5%	£ 100-1/2
Victory Bonds 4%	91-7/8

LONDON METALS

LONDON, Dec. 23.

	To-day's Price.
Copper, English Best Selected,	£ 63-5/8
" Braziers,	£ 72
Yellow Metal,	£ 67
Spelter, Hard Indian Brands,	£ 28-7/8
Corrugated Sheets, 24 gauge,	£ 16-3/8
Tin, English Ingots,	£ 301

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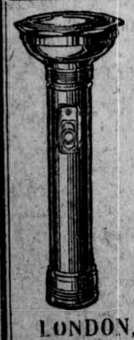

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BOMBAY COTTON MARKET.

AMERICANS---Squaring accounts pre holidays. Future 6 lower.

LOCAL—Closed.

AMERICANS.

BOMBAY, Dec. 24.

Yesterday the New York market ruled easy on some long liquidation before the X'mas Holidays and prices declined 5 to 8 points 5 pot. quotations were reduced by 5 points.

LOCAL.

The Bombay Cotton market is closed to-day and to-morrow owing to X'mas Holidays.

Yesterday the final Indian Cotton crop estimate by the Governmet was issued showing the indicated crop at a figure of 5102000 Bales. This estimate shows a reduction of 9% when compared with last year.

The above figure was received after the close of our market at Sewri, but at night some business was reported buying put through at Rs. 253/- At this level some local jobbers sold and prices closed around Rs. 254/-

The above estimate is certainly a very bullish one. It shows less tyield per acre and the indicated crop is a small one. However our prices being relatively higher under compared with thou of Americans, and some 2½ ro 3 lacs of American Cotton bales having been purchased by Indian Mills it is possible that Japanese mills will also take smaller quantity of Indian Cotton and thus to a certain extent the position will be relieved.

At the same time we wish to point out that the small crop will bring economic ruin to the Indian agricultirists, which can be seen from the following figures:—

This Year.	Last Year	Difference.
American Crop		
18.600.000	16.100.000	×2.500.000
Ameri. Prices Cent.		
18	12	6
Indian Crop.		
5.100.000	5.600.000	—500.000
Indian Prices Rupees.		
250	350	100

On Wednesday the 22nd. inst. a representative meetion of the East India Cotton Association Ltd. was held with a view to consider the proposal to allow trading in Broach Cotton for April may 1928 delivery. We understand that the above proposal was negatived and it was resolved to allow the trading one month earlier that is four the first day of June 1927.

LONDON PRODUCE.

London, Dec. 23.

Cottonseed, Bombay:—
Dec./Jan. shipment sellers £7/10/0.
Castorseed, Bombay:—
Dec./Jan. shipment sellers £19/0/0.
Rapeseed, Ferozepore, Real Bold, ton:—
Dec./Jan. shipment nominal £17/17/6.
Rapeseed, Toria, ton:—
Dec./Jan. shipment quoted £17/12/6.
Rapeseed, Toria, ton:—
Jan./Feb. shipment value £17/5/0.

WHEAT—LONDON MARKET.

London, Dec. 23.

Barletta Russo, per 63 lbs:—
Jan./Feb. shipment sellers 51/6.
Rozario Santa Fe, per 62½ lbs:—
Jan./Feb. shipment sellers 51/6.
Market:—Firm but quiet.
Wheat, Australian:—
Jan./Feb. shipment value 54/6.
Market:—Firm but quiet.
Wheat, Choice White Karachi:—
Dec. shipment Hull paid & buyers 55/6.
Dec./Jan. shipment buyers 55/6.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Dec. 23.

T.T. Berlin on London	20.35-1/2
T.T. Amsterdam on London	12.13-1/8
T.T. Brussels on London	34.89
T.T. Madrid on London	31.74
T.T. Milan on London	109.17
T.. Berne on London	25.10
T.T. Paris on London	122.25

LONDON DISCOUNT RATES.

London, Dec. 23.

Bank Bills 3 months	4-9/16 p.c.
Bank's Bills 6 months	4-17/32 p.c.
Fine Trade Bills 3 months	5-1/4 p.c.
Fine Trade Bills 6 months	5-3/4 p.c.

JAVA SUGAR—LONDON MARKET.

London, Dec. 23.

Java Sugar, Fine White, Dutch Standard.
No. 25, c & f Calcutta:—
Jan./March per cwt. 20/9
July/Sept. per cwt. 18/1-1/2
Oct./Dec. per cwt. 18/3
Java Sugar, Fine White, Dutch Standard, No. 25, c & f Bombay:—
Jan/March per cwt. 20/10
Java Sugar, Fine White, Dutch Standard, No. 25, c & f Karachi:—
Jan./March per cwt. 20/10-3/4

LINSEED.

London, Dec. 23.

Linseed, La Plata, c.i.f. ton:—
Dec./Jan. shipment offered £15/0/0.
Jan./Feb. shipment paid £14/18/9.
Feb./March shipment paid £14/12/6.
Market:—Firm on a fair trade.
Linseed, Bombay ton:—
Dec./Jan. shipment nominal £18/0/0.

London, Dec. 23.

Linseed, Calcutta, ton:—
Dec./Jan. shipment buyers £17/0/0.
Apl./May shipment sellers £13/12/6.

LINSEED OIL.

London, Dec. 23.

Linseed Oil, naked, London, cwt:—
Jan./Apl. delivery paid & sellers 30/9.
May/Aug. delivery value 30/6.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURNS.

London, Dec. 23.

	This Week.
Total Bullion	£152,000,000
Public Deposits	£ 12,100,000
Other Deposits	£107,900,000
Government Securities	£ 31300,000
Other Securities	£ 76,300,000
Notes & Coin	£ 30,400,000
Currency Notes Outstanding	£278,900,000
Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities	25.32 p.c.

SUGAR MARKET REPORT.

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

Since our last report dated 17th. inst. there was a sharp reaction in our market on easier advices from all supplying countries and on the 18th. inst. there was great rush to sell by weak holders and prices dropped nearly eight pence per cwt. all round and on strong continual buying by one big dealer prices improved against by 4d. and afterwards gradually improved 6 further on continual small rise in London, America and Java and with good enquiry large quantity changed hands in white Jawas Nov./Dec. Shipment at 19s./6d. to 20s./- and Jan./Mar. 20s./- to 20s./9d. F. B. Harbour. There is very little business in New crop Javas and small business was done in June shipment at 18s/6d. to 18s./r 10d.and July Sept. at 18s./- F. B. Harbour terms. A large quanity of Beet Sugar in double bags was sold at 19/10 F. B. H. for February shipment by a big firm. Since to-day the market keeps steady but quiet with very little doing. Demand for only sugars is fair and clearance moderate. Karachi & Calcutta reported a steady market with good business doing. London & America were quiet but steady with small fluctuations. Java reported a strong market with good business doing. The following are the Bazar rates & stocks:

T.M.O. Rs. 18-12-0 20/0 F. B. Harbour. stocks 65000 Bags.

T.M.O. December 20/1 F. B. Harbour.
T.M.O. Jan. March. 20/8 F. B. Harbour.
T.M.O. June 18/9 F. B. Harbour.
T.M.O. July. Sept. 18 - F. B. Harbour.
B.R.B. Rs. 18-10-0 20/- F. B. Harbour stocks 35,000 bags.
B.R.B. Dec. 19/11 F. B. Harbour.
B.R.B. Jan./Mar. 20/4 F. B. Harbour.
Arrivals per various steamers, 75000 Bags Java Sugars.
Arrivals per various steamers 10,000 Beet sugars.

LONDON SILVER.

London, Dec. 23.

Silver:—Business small. Market quiet.

Spot	24-11/16
Forward	24-11/16

LONDON GOLD.

London, Dec. 23.

Par gold Fine, per oz. £4/4/11½.

London, Dec. 23.

Interest Day to Day Loans	3-5/8 p.c.
Interest 7 Days' Market Loan	4 p.c.

LONDON RUBBER.

London, Dec. 23.

Smoked Sheet, Standard, Ribbed, lb. spot;
Buyers sh. 1/6.7/8d.
Sellers. sh. 1/7d.
Pale Crepe, lb. Spot:—
Buyers sh. 1/6-3/4d.
Sellers sh. 1/6 7/8d.

The revised rules for the grant of certificates of competency and licenses for electrical contractors and wiremen laid down that after the 1st January, 1927 no contractor would be granted a license unless he employed 75 per cent. of certificated and licensed wiremen. The rules have now been amended so as to extend the time limit to 1st January, 1928.

Pandit Bindheswari Prasad Burman writes:—The Reception Committee, All-India Kayastha Conference has decided to receive delegates and provide them with Board and Lodge from the morning of the 28th instant. Delegates coming earlier should communicate to Pandit Bindheswari Prasad Burman, Assistant Secretary, Reception Committee. (14, Upper Chitpur Road, Calcutta) the exact time and date of their arrival so that they may be received at the Railway stations and conveniently lodged.

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TRADE AND FINANCE.

WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

Bombay, Dec. 23.

Money:—The steadier feeling in the money market reported last week has persisted during the period under review. Call rate advanced to 1 3|4 p.c. as a result of good demand. Funds are being released in substantial quantities from trade centres to meet icreasing financing requirements of crops. It is anticipated that money rates will become firmer in the near future, and in view of the increased demand for money and the reeduction of about Rs. 6 crores in the cash balance of the Imperial Bank of India, an advance in the bank rate to 5 p.c. woulh appear imminent. Fixed deposit rates are 3 p.c. for three months, 4 p.c. for six months and from 4 to 4 1|2 p.c. for twelve months.

The statement of the Imperial Bank of India as of 17th December, 1926, shows a further decline of Rs. 587.98 lacs in the cash balance now amounting to Rs. 26,86,68,000 as compared with Rs. 18.08 crores at this time last year. The percentage of cash to liabilities is 33.28, a decrease of 5.05 p.c. under last week. Government securities are down by Rs. 16.96 lacs. Loans, Cash credits and Inland bills discounted have all increased by Rs. 32.13 lacs, Rs. 10.08 lacs and Rs. 62.33 lacs respectively. Government deposits as well as other deposits are down, the former by Rs. 270.01 lacs to Rs. 3.85 crores and the latter by Rs. 126.89 lacs to Rs. 75.22 crores. The bank rate continues unchanged at 4 p.c.

As a result of unloading by bull operators and sales by banks Government securities have declined and are distinctly easier in tone this week. 3 1|2 p.c. Paper and 1945-55 Loan declined from Rs. 78-14 to Rs. 78-7 and from Rs. 108-14 to Rs. 108-10 respectively. 1935 and 1933 Loans, were steady at Rs 103-4 and Rs. 104-10. 5 1|2 p.c. Bonds, 1928, receded from Rs. 107-0 to Rs. 106-14. 6 p.c. Bonds, 1927 and 1930, changed hands at Rs. 101-8 and Rs. 106-12, 1931 at Rs. 107-14 and 1932 at Rs. 108-14. 6 1|2 p.c. Bombay, Developmnet Loan 1960-70 quoted at Rs. 114-2. 4 p.c. New Loan 1960-70 declined from Rs. 89-14 to Rs. 89-10.

The currency returns as of 15th December, 1926, show, decrease of Rs. 164.33 lacs in the note circulation now amounting to Rs. 186.25 crores. Silver coins have declined by Rs. 39.22 lacs to Rs. 96.55 crores, while gold bullion and silver under coinage remain unchanged at Rs. 22.31 crores and Rs. 8.03 crores, respectively. The percentage of metallic reserve to circulation is 68.13, an increase of 0.38 p.c. over last week.

A Press Communique issued by the Deputy Controller of Currency states that no sterling was sold by Government during the week ending 18th December, 1926. Government have contracted currency of Rs. 4 crores—Rs. 3 crores against British Treasury Bills and Rs. 1 crore against ad-hoc securities thus bringing the total transfer from the Paper Currency Reserve to Home Treasury since 1st April to date to Rs. 23,425,000.

Exchange.—A sharp recovery in exchange rates developed this week, the quotation advancing from 1s. 5 3|4d. to 1s. 5-29|32d. with business being done as high as 1s. 5-15|16d. The rice crop movement in Rangoon is reported to have commenced. The enquiry for bullion T.T. was on a limited scale. The following are the forward rates;—December 1s. 5-29|32d. January to April 1s. 5-29|32d; May.-June 1s. 5-7|8d; July to September 1s. 5-27|32d. October.-November 1s. 5 7|8d. December 1s. 5-29|32d; and January 1s. 5-15|16d.

Only slight changes took place in the dollar sterling quotation, which opened at dol. 4.85-1|4, but declining to dol. 4.85 1|8 closed at the opening rate. French francs were quoted at 121.90 on the last day as against 120.90, the last week's closing quotation. The Belga remained unchanged at 34.88, while the Italian lira appreciating to 106 closed at 109.

India's foreign seaborne trade in November 1926, shows that the total imports of private merchandise amount to Rs. 1,830 lacs and the total exports, including re-exports, to Rs. 2,181 lacs. The net imports of treasure during the month were Rs. 535 lacs, and the total visible balance of trade in favour of India was Rs. 22 lacs. The in favour of India was Rs. 22 lacs. The balance of remittances of funds was minus Rs. 9 lacs.

Gold.—Gold prices declined from Rs. 21-9-0 to Rs. 21-7-3 per tola ready as a result of firm sterling exchange. Business transacted has been very limited with the average daily off take of about 15,000 tolas. The stocks on hand are estimated at about 3 lacs tolas. The price of gold in London was unchanged at 84s. 11 1|2d. The rate for sovereign declined from Rs. 13-8-0 for ready and forward. In our market the highest and lowest rates during the week were Rs. 21-9-0 and Rs. 21-7-3 for ready, Rs. 21-8-9 and Rs. 21-7-0 for 20th November settlement and Rs. 21-9-0 and Rs. 21-7-6 for 18th January settlement. The incoming mail is expected to bring £17,500. Inclusive of these arrivals and exclusive of the present week's shipment the total visible supply from London to India is about £48,500 The Total imports during the week amounted to Rs. 993,457 in bar and coin.

SILVER.

This market opened quiet and adn continued so throughout the period under report as a result of easier advices from Shanghai and unloading by bull speculators. The rate for T.T. on London in Shanghai declined from 2s. 5-5|16d. to 2s. 5--1|8d. on Tuesday but improved and closed at the opening quotation of 2s. 5-5|16d. in the Bombay market first settlement opened at Rs. 56-7 declined to Rs. 55-11 on Tuesday bu recovered to Rs. 56-2 and closed at Rs. 55-14. Due to comparatively heavy stocks and anticipated large arrivals for the end of the month settlement, the price for near is at a discount of 2 to 3 annas per 100 tolas under forward. These stocks are held chiefly in weak hands and with the increasing remand or money, the premium on forward is likely to be maintained. The average daily offtake is about 260 bars exclusive of approximately 600 bars railed upcountry to meet settlement requirements in those mrkets. The stocks on hand are estimated at about 4,000 bars London silver prices fell from 24 3|4d. to 24-9|16d. but recovered and closed at 24 3|4d. for both ready and forward In our market the highest and lowest rates during the week were Rs. 56--0 and Rs. 55-13 for ready, Rs. 56-7 and Rs. 55-11 for 23rd December settlement and Rs. 56-7 and Rs. 55-13 for 24th January settlement. The incoming mail is expected to bring £582,000 silver. Inclusive of these arrivals and exclusive of the present week's shipment the total visible supply from London to India is about £837,000. The total imports during the week were 1,247 bars and Rs. 155,316 in coin.

YARN MARKET.

BOMBAY, Dec. 24.

Since our last the yarn market has ruled more or less quiet in all kinds of yarns as English, Japanese and Indian no business of importance is to be reported during the week under review. Demand was found in the beginning of the week but in the latter part of the week it was very quiet and as a result of which the off take is not at all satisfactory. Consuming centres have no confidence even at the present level of prices and are buying hand to mouth only sufficient for their immediate requirements. As the offtake is not satisfactory and as there is no demand from consuming centres, dealers are not prepared to buy at allfrom the Mills and so the Mills have not been able to sell anything during the week under review. Japanese yarns are selling more or less at the best market rates.

ENGLISH YARNS.

As the ready stocks are not large, there are very few sales to be reported during the week. In forward, prices have a little bit gone down but as they are very high in consideration with Japanese yarn rates business is not at all possible. Any good business in this class of yarns cannot be arranged unless the Manchester prices are reduced to such an extent as to compete the rates of Japanese yarns.

JAPANESE YARNS.

Owing to heavy arrivals by three steamers, stocks in ready have increased and owing to the pressure of selling prices have gone down by half an anna per lb. Still a good lot of yarns is to arrive within 3 or 4 days and if this is so it is possible that the prices may still go decline further by ¼ to ½ an anna per lb. In mercerised yarns as there is ready stock the rates have gone down by half an anna. Importing offices were sellers but as the prices went down the dealers were not inclined to buy any yarns and the result was no sales of importance are to be reported during the week. Sampin has gone up to some extent and the exchange has gone down to 134¼.

INDIAN YARNS.

As the local off take is very poor business is not expected in large quantities in the near future. Mills have not been able to sell their productions and the stocks have been once again accumalating with the Mills and it is expected that if there is no improvement the Mills will have to sell at buyers limits. The present rates are not at all paying to the Mills and due to this some Mills have been spinning only in small quantities. China is practically buying whereas nil inquiries from Rangoon, Calcutta, Punjab, and various other Markets are very small and so the market is very dull.

The tone of the market is rather dull but if cotton becomes steady at the present level it is expected prices will not be going down any further and there will be a fair business in forward yarns.

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PIECE-GOODS.

The Bombay piecegoods market continues quiet and the anticipated demand has not yet materialised. Last Ginning Report, issued during the week, and the heavy rain in some centres, have improved the raw material to a certain extent. Cotton prices had created a little confidence for free business but the mofussil dealers are still holding off. Marriage season and Ramjan are the next chances when wholesale demand may be expected. In the local-made goods the off-take both in Greys and Fancies continues steady. The Textile mill agents are reported to be pushing sales and prices on a basis of 13 annas per pound are expected There is a talk of amalgamation of the interests of the Wadia brothers resulting in Century Mill productions, being sold at higher level inoline with those of Bombay Dyeing Mills. Looking to the present low level of prices it is considered that further reduction is impossible. Speculations are rife regarding the report of the Tariff Board. Enquiry, and the imposition of duty on foreign goods, is talked of. Following sales by the mills are reported during the week:—

5,000 bales Century Bills, Grey Calendered Shirtings at Rs. 0/12/6 per pound.

4000 bales E. D. Sassoon Group, Grey Calendered Shirtings and other Greys, at Rs. 0/12/6 per pound.

800 bales Western India Mills (Sundari) Grey C. Shirtings at Rs. 0/12/6 per pound.

Further sales by the King of Textile Industry will be known during the next week.

An improvement in the demand for English Whites is expected. Liepman No. 1500 White Shirtings have met with better offtake during the week but Grey Shirtings and Jaconets are easy and neglected. All styles of mulls are steady, and there has been a satisfactory turnover in Prints and Francies. Dhooties are quiet. Moffussil dealers report that there are failures at Calcutta, and at Bhiyani, and a number of dealers are unable or refusing to meet their engagements and in many cases clearances are only effected under considerable pressure. Gloomy reports are to hand from Manchester. Trade is not developing freely. The slow drift of the miners back to work, is standing in the way of enterprise. Lancashire prices have been reduced all round. Prices for cloths made from fine Egyptian Yarns show a reduction of 10 per cent. since the third week of October. Dispute between the merchants and Messrs. Ralli Bros., still continues. No business of importance was therefore booked but a few lots in miscellaneous styles are on cable.

Japanese Greys and Fancies are dull with restricted turnover. In spite of lower quotations for some lines, business has not been possible as the demand in retail appears slackening. Importing firms are prepared to give concessions, but looking to the present condition of the market, dealers wish to wait and watch the developments.

The quotations for the leading chops Greys and Whites are as under:—

GREY SHIRTINGS.

Ralli's Fari No. 2000	39×37 1/2/38	8	12	0
,, 10,0000	..45× ,,	10	12	0
,, No. 33,000	..45× ,,	9	8	0
,, No. 2800	37× ,, ,,	9	8	0
,, No. 4545	38×38.. ,,	7	8	0
,, No. 15000	44×38 ,,	9	8	0
,, No. 16000..	,,	10	0	0
,, No. 17000	,,	10	8	0
Graham's No. 2730	..39 ,,	8	8	0
,, No. 2750	..45 ,,	10	12	0
Dewhursts B.B.B.	..38×38 1/2..	15	10	0
,, B.B.	..38×38.. 1/2..	13	10	0
,, Rupe No. 5	..38×38 1/2	.....		
Ritchie's No. 510	..39×37 1/2 38	8	8	0
Lyon's Shunker	..39× ,,	0	0	1
Fleming's 1904-1906	45,48,51×38..	13	12	0

GREY DRILLS.

Pepperell's Dragon	..29×40	15	8	0
Ralli's "Scissors"	..29×40	15	4	0

GREY JACONETS

Ralli No. 18 ..	..45×22	5	0	2
,, No. 18 ..	..40×22	4	8	0
,, No. 138 ..	..40×22	4	7	0
,, No. 636 ..	..44×22	4	8	0

WHITE SHIRTINGS

Liepmann's No. 1500	32×42	17	8	0
H. B. T. C. 40,000	..36×40	22	0	0

WHITE MULLS

Ralli's No. 16	..41×19	6	6	0
,, No. 69	..46×19	7	2	0
,, No. 600	..51×19	7	12	0
,, No. 6000	..56×19	8	10	0
,, No. 88	..58×20	6	0	0
,, No. 1270	..27×18	..		
,, No. 166	..39×20	6	0	0
,, No. 818	..39×20	6	4	0
,, No. 1440	..36×20	4	4	0
,, No. 1703	..52×20 Net	12	10	0
,, No. 224	..44×20	4	12	0
Ritchie's No. 1260	..27×18	2	8	0
,, No. 119	..37×18	2	10	0
,, No. 229	..42×18	3	3	0
,, No. 339	..47×18	3	10	0
,, 1K-4K38",43"48"53×18Aug.				
,, No. 95..	..58×20	5	8	0
,, No. 66,999	..40×18	..		
,, No. 86.999	..40×18	..		
,, No. 775	..40×18	4	10	0
,, No. 875	..45×18	4	4	0
,, No. 975	..50×18	5	0	0
,, No. 615	..50×18	4	12	0
Graham's Balloon	..58×20	5	10	0

WHITE NAINSOOKS.

Ralli's No. 7070,9090	27×18	3	2	0
,, No. 6181 .. ,,		3	0	0
,, No. 1850 .. ,,		2	10	0
,, No. 1900 .. ,,		2	12	0
,, No. 2600 .. ,,		2	14	0
,, No. 21021 .. ,,		3	0	0
,, No. 39620T.B.	38×22	4	4	0
Graham's Nos. 88,8888	28×18	3	4	0
,, No. 95950-97970				
,, Saraswati	..36×18	6	6	0
,, TipooW/WWW34	×18	4	6	0
,, No. 50000 ..	,,	4	10	0
,, No. 33340/33350/33360		4	14	0
Lyon's No. 4545-5656				
,, 6767 ..	..26×18	3	0	0
Greaves' No. 8000T.B.	38×22	4	8	0
Ritchie's Nos. 3500-4510				
,, 5520 ..	..26×18	2	14	0
S.W. and Co's Nos. 5800 5820				
"Motor Car"		2	12	0

The above quotations are on Bazaar terms with discount of three and a half per cent on Grey and four per cent on White Goods.

JAPANESE GREY CLOTHS.

No. 666 Shirtings	383×8Net			
,, 2500 Shirtings	36×..40	12	8	0
,, 5151 ,,	44×38 ,,	10	0	0
,, 4141 ,,	44×38 ,,	9	0	0
,, 5544 ,,	44×38 ,,	9	0	0
,, 44000 ,,	48×38 ,,	9	6	0
,, 3800 ,,	44×38 ,,	12	4	0
,, 39000 ,,	44×38 ,,	12	8	0
,, 9898 ,,	,,	10	7	0
,, 4600 ,,	,,	13	4	0
,, 6500 ,,	,,	9	0	0
,, 9999 ,,	,,	13	8	0
,, 7777 ,,	,,	13	8	0
,, 7500 ,,	,,	11	12	0
,, 3 A Globe	,, ,,	15	0	0
,, ,, 6000	40×36 ,,	14	12	0
"C" Sheetings	..30×36Ex.Bond	7	8	0
9"Dragons	..30×36 Ex. Bond	7	8	0
'Elephant" Drills	..29×40 ,,	12	8	0
'Duck" Drilis	..26×40 ,,	10	4	0

WEEKLY COTTON MARKET REPORT.

BOMBAY Dec. 21.

AMERICA.

Better markets have continued in America, the January and March contracts in New York showing advances over the week of 24 and 22 points respectively.

The u. S. Mill consumption of 584,000 bales during November compares with 563,000 bales consumed in October and 513,000 bales in November 925 and brings the total consumption to-day this season to 2,225,000 bales compared with 2,019,000 over the same period last season. It may be seen therefore that over the first four months of this season the U.S. Mill consumption of American cotton is 206,000 bales in excess of last season over the same period. Though running well ahead of last season the consumption from this quarter has plenty of room for expansion, taking into consideration the greater amount of cotton available this season.

Some trade buying on the 5th. instant as the result of unfavourable weather reports brought about an unexpected advance of some 24 points, only however to be lost the next day, the advance apprently being taken advantage of by speculative long interests.

The publication of Fossick's ginning estimate of 15,550,000 bales on the 17th. was mainly responsible for better markets over the week-end, and still further improvement was anticipated in the event of the Official hinning figure corro-borating Fossick's estimate. However, the U.S. Bureau ginning estimate of 15,542,000 bales had nothing more than a temporarily bullish effect upon prices which after advancing some 15 to 20 points fell away again on increased offerings from the South.

In the face of crop estimate of 19 millions the ginnings up to December 12th. can only be regarded as distinctly disappointing, and there is certainlt some justification in not being over-optinistic in the realisation of the Bureau's estimate of 18,618,000 bales.

Ginning from November 30th. December 12th. last season when the fina crop estimate was about 3 million bales less than this season, exceeded this season by 71,000 bales. Furthermore, tye percentage of total ginning to December 12th. based on an outturn of 18,618,000 bales amounts to slightly more than 83% compared with 92% and 94% for the two compared with 92% and 94% for the two previous seasons and is the 3rd. lowest percentage on record since 1901/02.

We therefore cannot see how any material break in the market can now take place but look for steady markets with a tendency to higher level.

Further to our remarks of last week with reference to the financial assistance to the American farmer, we learn from our Liverpool friends writing under date December 1st. that the Amount of credit that has been specially provided by the Farm loan Board amounts to dol 60,000 000. This amount may be borrowed for a period of 18 months, the borrowing basis is to be 9 Cents per lb. on Middling White 7/8 inch cotton. Another of our friends at Home writing on this subject says that the Press in America, taking the part of the farmer, are urging people of small means to buy 10 bales of cotton for which they pay in full and take an advance from the Bank of 70% as a really sound investment, and in many cases qualifying this by stating that it is better than holding stocks and shares. It may be recalled that a similar scheme worked very well in 1914.

BOMBAY

As against an advance of 22 points in New York March, the Broach April/May contract is Rs. 3/- higher.

Trading during the week has been on rather a broader scale than the previous week, and there have been signs of renewed interest from the far East, though, we understand business which has been put through has been several rupees below ruling prices.

During the week, our parity has cheapened slightly but not sufficiently to make very much matter. While Japan and China have shown some willingness to buy, Europe continues to show little or no interest, and it is pretty certain that no volume of demand for Indian cotton may be expected, particularly from Europe, until the present differences of American and Indian cotton widen appreciably

In the case of Japan and China, it is rather different as both these countries, while in a position to replace a percentage of their Indian requirements with American, are not able to do so to the same extent as Europe.

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24410.—I do not hesitate to recommend them to my patients, and the results are quite wonderful. I am taking them myself, and feel years younger than I did a week ago!

24395.—A. St. J. W. (late H.M.'s B.C.S.): The efficacy of your wonderful tablets was clearly marked in my case. The relief was immediate and paved the way to health and happiness.

24111.—Mr. B. S.R.N., C.S, M.M.C.—Up to the present time Yeast-Vite tablets have never failed I have given them in cases where all other remedies failed Many of my patients would not be without them.

24118.—Dr. T V. N.—I am not guilty of the slightest exaggeration when I tell you that results from Yeast-Vite were simply astonishing. Severe cases of asthenia (general weakness.) Kindly send supplies to the four hospitals mentioned herewith.

17018.—Dr. N writes: "I am prescribing the tablets regularly. Please send a box to my brother (invoice to me), as I want him to take the treatment."

18224.—Dr. P.: "I find the tablets an excellent tonic, and would thank you for a further supply to distribute among my patients."

25333.—I thought you might be interested in results of my test. Two influenza cases quickly cured. Tem. 104 brought to normal in 12 hours. Several headache patients' pain disappeared almost instantly.

25334.—I have suffered for years with anæmia, nerves and terrible coughs. Thanks to Yeast-Vite this is the first winter for years that I have not been laid up I am afraid to be without them.

25338.—For 18 years I have suffered terribly with my head and had to give up my work. On recommendation I tried Yeast-Vite and am now back at work and never felt better.

22741.—I shall feel eternally grateful to you for enabling me to regain my health and I shall never be without Yeast Vite in the house. I recommended them to six friends last week.

25274.—With unmixed pleasure I thank you for the tremendous benefit I have derived from Yeast-Vite. I am a commercial traveller and my business has increased with my energy and vim, namely, 40 per cent.

20641.—I do not know what I would do without the tablets and I live in fear of running short of them, as my complaint asserts itself as soon as I stop taking them.

21113.—As Matron of the Girls' Training Homes, I have found the tablets efficacious. I have also tested them thoroughly myself, and have been surprised to prove them to be such a real "lightning pick-me-up." I shall always have them by me in future.

22373.—Nurse A. L.: I was ready to go into hospital for gastric ulcer. The pain nearly drove me mad. Medicine made it worse, but Yeast-Vite stopped the pain in less than ten minutes! They are perfectly wonderful. I recommend them to everybody.

23643.—I have suffered with indigestion for eight years. The pain at times almost killed me, and I could not eat, sleep, or do anything After taking only four tablets the pains disappeared and I have had no discomfort since.

19397.—I suffered with stomach trouble for years, but, thanks to Yeast-Vite I am entirely cured, I have recommended them to many friends and they all speak highly of them.

21067.—Suffering with nerves and general rundown conditions, I tried lots of medicines without rel' f. I tried Yeast-Vite and can assure you that I feel 100 per cent. better.

19387.—Leading London Hospital (Secretary): "After a careful test we find Yeast-Vite as claimed and very satisfactory. We are now quite willing to purchase supplies.

21234.—I was miserable, irritable and nervous, but thanks to Yeast-Vite I am better in every way. Please publish this and let the public know how much good they have done me.

19080.—Send by return post, as I cannot be without them. I suffer so much with indigestion that they relieve me immediately.

17413.—I have spent a small "Fortune" on "cures" for my indigestion, biliousness, bad breath and pimples, but after a week's treatment I am already feeling a different man.

1737.—I have suffered for years with severe indigestion. Yeast-Vite is the only thing that has ever given me relief.

15672.—Being full of wind, heartburn and acidity, I often had to vomit. I now enjoy my food and life itself. No words of mine can adequately explain the merits of Yeast-Vite.

16335.—I have derived great benefit from a small box for nerves, headaches and bad liver caused by life in the engine room at sea.

1833.—Nurse W.: My patient finds them efficacious for headaches, clearing them of quickly.

12437.—The way they build up and restore the whole system is simply marvellous. I haven't had a cold or 'flu all the winter—quite unusual—and folks comment on my healthy appearance.

14535.—For 15 years I suffered with weak s' mach, liver and sour taste, I am pleased to testify the treatment has cured me entirely.

16359.—They have done me so much good. I think they are wonderful. I feel they will make a new woman of me.

10220.—Please send as soon as possible, as I will be out of them by tomorrow and I am so uncomfortable without them.

19833.—We develop cold so quickly that the tablets are the only cure we have found.

18307.—Nurse K.O., Maternity Home: A medical friend recommended them for 'flu and "pleurisy." I cannot speak too highly of them and will lose no opportunity of recommending your valuable tablet.

BOMBAY CITY AND SUBURBS.

ENGAGEMENTS.

TO-DAY.

Banks Closed: Christmas.

The s.s. Ranchi with the English mails leaves at 1 p.m. connecting Macedonia at Aden.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26.

Procession to start from Arya Samaj Mandir, Kakadwadi at 7-30 a.m. to go to Chowpatty.

HIGH COURT CLOSED FOR X'MAS.

The Original and Appellate sides of the High Court will remain closed for the Christmas holidays till 5th January and will reopen on Thursday, the 6th idem.

LATE SWAMI SHRADHANANDA.

Under the auspices of the Old Boys' Union of Aryan Education Society, a public meeting will be held in the Society's Hall, Angreswadi, Girgaum Back Road, at 2-15 p.m. to-day (Saturday), to express regret at the sad death of Swami Shradhanandji.

LECTURE ON "AIR AND LUNGS."

A public meeting will be held to-day (Saturday), at 3 p.m. (B. T.), under the auspices of "The Stree Samaj" at the Arya Samaj Hall, Kakadwadi, Girgaum, when Dr. Kalyandas J. Desai will deliver a lecture on "Air and Lungs" with illustrations, and when Acharya Mayashankarji will read "Katha" frm the Upanishads. Mrs. Tapibai Motiwala will preside. Ladies are cordially invited to attend.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The outward P. & O. Mail Steamer "KAISAR-I-HIND" with the mails from London of the 16th instant arrived at Port Said at 2 p.m. on the 22nd instant and left there at 7-30 p.m. the same day.

The P. and O. Mail steamer "Rawalpindi" with the mails from Bombay of 18th instant arrived at Aden at 3 p.m. on the 22nd instant and left there at 7 p.m. the same day.

BOMBAY THEOSOPHICAL GATHERING.

A gathering of the members of the Theosophical Society residing in Bombay and the Suburbs will be held from to-day (Saturday) to the 28th instant of Tuesday, on the Colony grounds of the Society at Juhu when discussions on Theosophical and allied activities will be held and public lectures will be given by Prof. Bhagvat of Thana and Mr. M. P. Mullan of Bombay. Mr. R. M. Alpaiyala, Bar-at-Law will give his personal impressions of the Star Conference held this year at Ommen, Holland.

POSTAL NOTICE.

As the outward Persian Gulf Mail Steamer will not sail this week till the arrival of the Inward English Mail Steamer "Ranchi" which is expected to arrive in Bombay at 10 p.m. on Friday the 24th December 1926, the following will be the latest hours of posting at the Bombay G. P. O. of the correspondence for the offices in the Persian Gulf and Iraq on that date:—(1) Unregistered correspondence up to 6 p.m (2) Registered 5 p.m. (3) Parcels 12 noon. Postings at the town sub offices must be so regulated as to reach the G. P. O. before the above mentioned hours.

SWAMI SHRADHANAND.

A Procession will be Formed at and Start from the Arya Samaj Mandir, Kakadwadi, Girgaum Back Road (near Marbavdi Police Station) on Sunday (the 26th inst.) Morning at 7-30 a.m., and GO TO Chowpatty to take Bath and Pray for Peace to Swamiji's Soul.—Advt.

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COUNCIL NATIONALIST PARTY AND MINISTERSHIP.

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Apropos of the announcement made by the "Times of India" of to-day that Dewan Bahadur Harilal Desai has dictated his terms and left Bombay having received assurances for a Ministership one feels inclined to examine the qualifications to secure a Ministership—at least qualifications which weigh with His Excellency the Governor.

Constitutionally the first qualification is that the aspirant to a Ministership must be an elected member. He, should, besides, be a man administratively able to hold a portfolio, and such members in the Council to rely on as would not only support him, but support the Mill of Government to grind, and grind unhaltingly throughout its course.

Now, let us examine the Dewan Bahadur's claim by applying these tests. As to the first, it cannot be denied that he is a duly elected M.L.C., although he may not have topped the poll. I wonder if even scraping into the Council would do? If that is so, topping the poll is a meaningless phrase.

As to the second, the Dewan Bahadur is reported to be an able man. But the third test is the test and where the whole mystery is to be solved. First of all, how is the Council Nationalist Party, the biggest party in the Council? We have been reading in papers that the biggest party is the Mahomedan Party. It may not be a regularly constituted party in the present-day "parlance," but instinctively it is a solid mass. However let us put that aside. What is really the strength of the Dewan Bahadur's party? One cannot be sure that it is not a conglomeration of all shades of extremists, although they may assume any names. After all the whole thing may prove to be a camouflage. The party was attempted to be organised with great pomp, and show and noise, for, as I hear, it is yet in the process of formation, because the making and unmaking of members of it has by no means ceased, having for its main policy, the unflinching opposition of all new taxation, and members joining it made it distinctly conditional that none of them was to accept a Ministership, unless he was prepared to stand without its support. Has this great party changed its constitution and its policy since? If not, what is this party of the Dewan Bahadur on which he bases his strength. If the circumstances surrounding this party hang on such precarious and untenable thread, how is he going to support the Mill of Government to grind, and grind fine? The whole thing passes the wit of every mind which is involved to-day in the cabinet making mania. This ought to supply food for reflection for Messrs. Lalji Naranji and Nariman. They ought to look sharp and examine their own position, as to whether, the Ahmedabad Dewan Bahadur hass surreptiously spirited away their following to swell his own. Further, if this process of spiriting away members mutually from one another's camp, is actively kept up, to be sure it does not auger well for the safety of His Excellency's Government.

I draw a moral, for the aspirants to Ministership: Get together anyhow a following, with enough brag at least in its initial stage, to frighten the Governor, and you return home with "assurances."—Yours, etc.

"BEWILDERMENT."

MPEROR OF JAPAN DEAD.

A TOKIO MESSAGE.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

New York.—A message from Tokio says that the Emperor of Japan is dead.—Reuter.

RIPON ROAD HOUSE COLLAPSE.

The roof of a three-storied house at Ripon Road, Madanpura, which was under repairs for some time past, fell down with a crash on Thursday afternoon, causing great annoyance and trouble to the tenants. Three persons who were working on the roof and two tenants came under the debris. The Fire-brigade and the ambulance were immediately communicated; and on arrival the yremoved the debris and sent the injured persons to the hospital, where they were detained for treatment.

The building belongs to a Bohra gentleman named Hussan Ali and was tenanted by Muslims.

POSTAL NOTICE.

Mails from Australia via Dhanushkhodi for Bombay are due here on Sunday, the 26th December, 1926.

Another postal notice dated Friday states: "As the English mail steamer S.S. "Ranchi" is expected to arrive in Bombay at 12 midnight (Friday) and as Saturday (the 25th) is a P. O. holiday on account of Christmas, arrangements will be made for the delivery of Foreign registered articles at the counters of the delivery town sub-offices on proper identification. The time when registered articles will be ready delivery, may be ascertained from the sub-postmasters of the local delivery offices."

CITY'S HEALTH.

The following statement shows the total mortality from 6 a.m. of 22nd December to 6 a.m. of 23rd December, 1926.

Small-pox attacks 2, deaths 2; Cholera attack nil, death nil; plague attack nil, death nil; Influenza attack nil, death nil; Total mortality (exclusive of the Stillborn) 89.

The total mortality this day last year was 73.

Mr. Jinarajadasa, Vice-President, Theosophical Society, will conduct the proceedings of the theosophical convention at Benares in the absence of Mrs. Besant.—A.P.

THE GERMERSHIEM AFFAIR.

APPEAL AGAINST LONDON JUDGMENT

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Paris.—A message from Landau says that three Germans sentenced to imprisonment in connection with the Germershiem affair have appealed against sentences The Courtmartial, however, states that it is incompetent to deal with the appeal. While French opinion is divided with regard to the expediency as well as the equity of verdict, German attitude is strongly resented and the opinion is expressed that the violent outburst of the entire German press is factitious political manoeuvre to hasten evacuation of Rhineland.—Reuter.

LATE SIR F. F ADAM

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Sir Frank Forbes Adam is dead.—Reuter.

The Late Sir Frank Forbes Adam who was born in 1846, was educated in Loretto, and was late judge of the Bombay High Court. In the year 1872 he came out to India as a merchant and soon became the President of the Bank of Bombay and the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Port Trust. Sir Adam was a member of the Bombay Legislative council before his return to England in 1890, where he held several important positions among which might be mentioned the Chairmanship of the council of the Manchester University.

SIR JAMES WILSON DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Death has occurred of Sir James Wilson, retired Indian Civilian.—Reuter.

Born in 1853, the late Sir James Wilson entered the Indian Civil Service in 1875. After his Service in the Punjab, became Secretary to the Government in the Department of Revenue and Agriculture before his retirement in 1910.

SHREWSBURY CO. GETS INDIAN ORDERS

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The Sentinel Wagon Works, Shrewsbury have received order for locomotives for Orki Division, P. W. D., India and Upper Chenab Canal Irrigation Works and also orders for three double-articulated coaches for G. I. P. Railway and four coaches for Ceylon Government Railway.—Reuter's Special.

KING HONOURS DUKE OF YORK

LONDON, December 24.

The King has invested the Duke of York with the insignia of Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.—Reuter.

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CONSULTING ACTUARY'S REPORT ADOPTED.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the Bombay Life Assurance Company, Limited, was held in the Company's Building in Apollo Street, Bombay, on the 23rd instant, when Sir Lalubhai Samaldas K. T., Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company, presided.

The Chairman addressing the meeting said:—

The Valuation Surplus for the three years is Rs. 1,18,510. Of this a sum of of Rs. 60,023 has been recommended by the Consulting Actuary to be transferred to the Company's Reserve Fond with a view to strengthen the basis of the future Valuation. The balance of Rs. 58,487 is almost enough to enable your Directors to declare a bonus of Rs. 15 per thousand per year on Whole Life Policies, and Rs. 12-8-0 on Endowment Assurance Policies, and a Dividend of 4 p.c. and Bonus of 2¼ p.c. (both free of Income-Tax on the Paid-up Capital for the five years of 1926 to 1930. The Bonus to the policy holders vests immediately on declaration and will be payable on all participating policies in force for the full sum assured on 31st December 1925. The Dividend and Bonus to the shareholders make up a total of 6¼ p.c. free of Income-Tax or over 6¾ p. c. subject to tax. You will have seen that in order to recommend a bonus of 2¼ p.c. to the shareholders, the Consulting Actuary has suggested to transfer of a small sum of Rs. 955 from the Reserve Fund to the shareholders' one-tenth share of the profits. It has also been decided by your Directors to draw the amount of tax payable on the Dividend and Bonus on the Paid-up Capital from the Reserve Fund under Article No. 155 of the Company's Articles of Association.

The rates of bonus now to be declared are considerably higher than the previous rate and I feel justified in asking the share and policy-holders to further the interests of the Company by bringing under the notice of others the benefits of holding a policy in the 'Bombay Life'. I also hope that the Company's agents and field-workers will take advantage of the declaration of bonuses at higher rates to policy-holders and will do their very best to write for the Company a much larger business that what they have been doing at present.

Then a resolution was passed adopting the Consulting Actuary's Report on the assets and liabilities of the Company.

Resolutions were then passed declaring a dividend of 4 p.c. and Bonus of 2¼ p.c. (both free of income-tax) to the share holders, carrying a sum of Rs. 60,022-13-6 to the Reserve Fund and declaring a simple reversionary bonus of Rs. 15 per thousand per year for three years of 1923 to 1925 on whole-life policies and Rs. 12-8-0 on Endowment Assurance policies with interim bonuses at the same rates.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

M. C. C. VS. BENGAL EUROPEANS.

TARRANT'S GOOD GAME.

ANOTHER DRAW.

British in Bengal .. for 7 wkts. .. 152. (and declared)

M. C. C. .. for 5 wk's. .. 102. (match ends in draw)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24.

The British in Bengal were the opponents of the M. C. C. in their second one day fixture in Calcutta which began this morning at Eden Gardens in perfect cricketing weather. The Home Team consisted of the following:—R. B. Lagden (Captain), A. Housie, J. P. F. Campbell, J. L. Guise, Frank Tarrant, S. C. B. Lee, R. F. J. Brooke, A. A. Leslie, G. Aste, E. E. Goward, R. L. D. Wodehouse. Gilligan, Brown, and Hill stood down so that the M. C. C. were represented by the following:—Chichester Constable (Captain), Parsons, Geary, Wyatt, Astill, Tate, Eckersley, Sandham, Mercer, Boyes and Earle. The last named, in the absence of the tourists regular wicket-keeper kept the wicket.

Losing the toss Constable led his men into the field at 11-5 a.m. Guise and Goward opened the Home innings. After Geary had started with a maiden over, Guise put Mercer through the covers for four all run.

Guise leg-glanced Geary for four sending the first decade up. The same batsman continued to make practically all the runs by well-placed strokes on both sides of the wicket, but he should have been taken on the slips by Astill when he had made 18. The stroke, however, earned him four runs which brought 30 on board. Following this Geary clean-bowled Goward who tried to cut a straight ball (34—1—9). Two more wickets fell for an addition of 18 runs only (52—3—6).

Lee and Frank Tarrant then provided the second best partnership of the match taking score from 52 to 73. Tarrant late cut Astill who had relieved Geary at 50 for two and also got two well timed fours on the off side but was twice missed off consecutive balls in the slips. Tate who was the bowler to suffer was not, however, to be denied and beat and bowled Lee's next ball with a beautiful delivery which took off the stump. After this the game was slow and two more wickets fell for an addition of 19 runs only (92—6—8.)

Wodehouse who filled the gap gave Tarrant excellent assistance to put on 8 runs before the adjourned was made for lunch. Hundred was signalled when the game had lasted 135 minutes and then Tarrant made two of his charasteristic leg-pulls reaching the boundary on each occasion. At 1-30 p.m. the total was 113 for six wickets, Tarrant 37, and Wodehouse 6 scores.

AFTER LUNCH.

Resumption was not made till a quarter to three when Mercer and Wyatt led the attack. Wodehouse cut Mercer's third delivery for a single and facing Wyatt lifted him straight for four. Tarrent was quieter and gave his partner all the bowling he could. Eckersley next had the chance of catching Wodehouse at deep mid-on of Wyatt but after running back several yards he dropped him, this being the eighth catch dropped during the course of the game.

After this escape Wodehouse cheered for a beautiful late cut that reached the boundary and when Boyes relieved Mercer the total was 133. The Hamphire left-hander immediately dissolved the partnership getting behind Wodehouse's defence in his first over. Tarrant and Aste had taken the score to 152 when closure was applied leaving the M. C. C. an hour and half to get the runs home. The innings lasted exactly three hours.

Score:—	
Guise c. Parsons b. Tate	32
Coward c. Geary	9
Lee b. Tate	13
A. L. Housie c. Astill b. Tate	6
J. P. F. Campbell c. Geary b. Astill	0
Lagden c. Mercer b Geary	6
Tarrant (not out)	43
Wodehouse b. Boyes	29
Aste (not out)	8
The rest did not bat.	
Extras	6
Total for 7 wickets	152

MATCH ENDS IN DRAW.

The M. C. C. then went in and at the close of the day's play had scored 102 for 5 wickets. (Sandham not out 53, Wyatt not out 33. Wodehouse took 3 wickets for 22 and Brooke 2 wickets for 19 runs.)—A. P.

LATEST COTTON QUOTATIONS

(Through Cotton Telegraphic Information Service 375, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.)

MAY.

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 24.

Previous Closing	12.82
To-day's Opening	12.82
Difference	(Unchanged)
To-day's Closing	12.85
Difference	+.03

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 24.

Previous Closing	6.86
To-day's Opening	6.80
Difference	—.06
To-day's Closing	6.87
Difference	+.01

Sewri and Khandi closed.

The New York Market will be closed to-day (Saturday).

LONDON SILVER & GOLD MARKETS

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

London, Dec. 24.

Silver Ready	24 11/16
Difference	Unchanged
Silver Forward	24¾
Difference	+.01
Gold Ready	4/4/11½
Difference	Unchanged

"HAS GOD FORGOTTEN ME?"

A BLIND BOY'S QUERY

I seem to be one of those whom God has forgotten.

I am blind. I have been so from babyhood. Can a story so dark and destitute of outward happenings be of interest? Anyway, it will pass my weary time to compose and dictate it to a friend—the friend who has urged me to write it.

At eighteen months old I had inward convulsions and lost the sight of my eyes. The doctor told my mother she should be thankful it was my sight and not my brain that had gone. But my father, a proud and passionate man, never got over my defect. He could not bear to look at me or have me in the room.

Since then I have been told that his sense of fatherhood was the best trait in his character. So perhaps it was my failure physically that disgusted him, for he certainly worshipped my two elder brothers and made my mother a slave to them. All available money was spent on their education and sports and clothes.

Until I was twelve years old I was kept as a baby with a child's toys, a recluse, for I was never taken to amusements or social affairs. Indeed, I was not taken out at all, for they were all secretly ashamed of my strange-looking eyes, and it was difficult to fund money to dress me presentably. But, of course, I listened and learned from my brothers.

When I was twelve my father died. He left no money. Some relatives of my mother in London offered us all a home until we could look round a bit. The war was on, and my brothers joined up as they left school.

My mother's distress at this time was terrible. But the going to London was the first event of my life. It thrilled me, and I thought all things might be possible, there even the return of my sight.

KIND RELATIVES.

It was so different. The people were wonderfully kind to me. They were only relatives by marriage, but they made a great fuss of me. They took me out, not minding the hideous appearance of my eyes or the comments or pity of strangers. The mistress of the house insisted that I must have exercise every day, and herself used to take me to the common and make games for me.

My legs were exceedingly thin and shrunken because for so many years I had just sat still, most often cross-legged, on the floor, and I think I walked a little lame.

The master of the house went to the National Institute for the Blind and brought me the Braille Books and writing implements, and learnt Braille himself to help me. He eventually persuaded my mother to have me educated at a school for blind children. This was a dread to me as well as to her, for I was afraid of leaving a home where so many people were kind to me, and I was ashamed to appear so backward in all lessons.

And I did suffer acutely at school. Special days of agony to me were the visitors' days, when folk congratulated our principal and said the way we learnt and were taught was simply marvelous, and made loud, silly comments as if the blind are necessarily also deaf and mentally deficient.

All that is done for the blind, I suppose, is charitable. It is a great pity for us that when sight is taken pride should not be taken too. Or perhaps it was really accidental that my sight is taken pride should not be taken, too. Or perhaps it was realdental that my sight was lost. I notice that other blind fellows are not so wildly unsubmissive as I am.

However, I made such quick headway at school in reading and writing and composition that I began to hope that I might one day become independent. But now I am quite hopeless. I have no ear for music, little apitutude, I understand, for any of the trades they teach to blind people. And if I bungle along at some trade the best I can hope is that a few folk will buy my wrk out of charity.

At present I sit day by day at home in the uneventful dark. One brother has married and gone away. My elder brother supports my delicate mother and me. He does not grumble. But I know the black irritation at the limitations that are imposed upon him by my useless existence. He and I have nothing whatever in common to make our position more bearable.

I hear the clock ticking. My mother is out. The slow hours crawl by. Has God really forgotten me?

Men and Matters.

We are to-day in a position to make some safe announcements, or rather predictions about Bombay Ministers. Three Ministers will be appointed very soon.

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The chances of the number being reduced to two or increased to four are few but not negligible. The Governor may at any time cut the communal knot by appointing four, thus ensuring the greatest common measure of satisfaction.

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The time of appointment is all but certain. It may come off before we go to press, or within twenty-four hours. And even if Xmas should intervene, the New Year's congratulations are safe.

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The Sind candidate's entry into limelight may be expected every moment. The Gujerat candidate is safe in the hands of those who care a rap for Ministry. The Deccan representative is announced to be in "hiding". But he will be spotted out are long.

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All this is definite and should suffice unto the day. But be it remembered that politics, like cricket, is a game of glorious chances. Why mar pleasant anticipations?

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The "Sanj Vartman" hails the elevation of Mr. Jehangir D. Davar to the High Court Bench as 'quite natural, it being "in the fitness of things that a son should succed his father." We wonder whether it would like judgeships to become a hereditary privilege.

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But it has another cause of delight in the appointment. Mr. Davar, it says, "is perhaps the handsomest man practising at the Bombay Bar."

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So Beauty has charms—even to win a seat on the Bench. Sir Amberson Marten has not missed appreciating them. Congratulations to all concerned.

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The Governor-Designate of Bengal was presented with a coffee pot and a water-jug by the staff of the Conservative Party's Central Office. The idea of giving him the water-jug was excellent. If it is an indication that he prefers water to any other beverage: the prohibitionists in India, who by the way, form the vast majority of the people, will be delighted.

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"You cannot blame" says Lord Dewar, "a girl who pays 30s for a pair of silk stockings and shows 28s. worth of them", "The Darling!" the flappers will cry out. By the way, Lord Dewar is a bachelor and can look with philoshipic unconcern at the struggles of married men with wives and daughters wanting 30s worth of stockings in no small amounts to show "28s. worth of them".

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But Lord Dewar is troubled about one little matter. "We see more of women every year", he says. "The doctors must be in a dilemma where to vaccinate them."

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Why not—et—safely leave such matters to the doctors? The medical faculty is wonderfully resourceful, you know.

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A loyal "Student" of the Karwar Government High School, replying to the criticisms of "A Guardian" in our columns, says that the school is as efficient and popular as ever. "Several" students, he says, obtained "distinction" at the last S. L. C. Examination. More precision would be helpful. However, the language of the "student" is extraordinarily distinguished for a school boy.

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One examination paper a day is the demand of a number of student correspondents. This, they say, will minimise the strain of the examinations. Now, every waking moment before and after the paper will be one of strenuous preparation. Even the sleeping moments will be full of permutations and combinations of ideas less bewildering only than those in the answer papers. And this will go on for twice as many days. A psychological therapeutist should be consulted.

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"They're still very much in love with each other."

"Are they?"

"Yes. When she's away she writes letters to him whether she needs money or not."

DAVAR'S COLLEGE OF COMMERCE

TWO FIRST PLACES IN INDIA 1926 BY TWO DISTINCT SCHOLARS

(1) FIRST PLACE IN INDIA 1926 (HONS).

Incorporated Secretaries Examination of London (A.I.S.A.).

The student was fifth in order of merit among all candidates in the British Empire. The only Indian College whose students successfully competed.

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LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 1926

The largest number of honors, subjects and certificates of any other Institute in India:—Accountancy, Machinery of Business, Commercial and Company Law, Banking, Salesmanship, Political Economy.

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The Bombay Chronicle.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1926.

A MOMENTOUS SESSION.

The forty-first session of the Indian National Congress which will commence tomorrow at far away Gauhati should, indeed, prove a momentous one in the history of our national struggle. It was exactly six years ago that, under the inspiration of Mahatma Gandhi, the Nagpur Congress confirmed the historic programme of non-violent non-co-operation first settled at Calcutta and gathered all Congressmen together for giving a pitched battle to the bureaucracy. But the intensive experience of the programme for two years amidst changing conditions again created differences in the Congress camp and the mere re-affirmation of the old resolutions at the Gaya Congress only inspired the more practical politicians to hoist their standard of rebellion by forming the Swaraj Party. Within a few months the dynamic agitation inaugurated by Deshbandhu Das rendered the convening of a Special Congress inevitable and the change in the Council policy of the Congress effected at the Delhi Special Session was duly confirmed at Cocanada in spite of some orthodox opposition. Three eventful years have again rolled away and the lessons of new experience gained since then have inspired a compact body of politicians again to demand a modification of the old policy which, though adhered to in words, has been so often adapted to new circumstances as hardly to appear distinguishable from that advocated by the Responsivists. Mischievous attempts have been made to represent Responsivism as "co-operation with Government under all conditions and all circumstances" but these attempts have been time and again exposed—and now perhaps for the hundreth time by Mr. Bhopatkar on behalf of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee. The plain fact is that the battle against bureaucracy which the Swarajists sought to extend to the arena of the Councils, the disillusioned Responsivists of today desire to be still further extended to the very citadels of Government itself. And the great question that must oppress and exercise the minds of all nationalists who have not placed the interests of their parties above those of the people, is how far the Gauhati Congress will have the wisdom and the foresight to modify the old programme to suit the changed conditions in the country.

Fortunately for us, the thick mists that obscured the horizon but a few days ago are fast drifting away, leaving the air clearer and brighter. According to the latest advices from Calcutta most of the Responsivist leaders including Pandit Malaviya and Dr. Moonje will be present at Gauhati with their friends and followers to present their case before the Parliament of the people. Hence the Responsivits' case will not suffer and all talk of their secession or rout from the Congress must absolutely cease. Barring a few interested leaders and their resounding trumpets, everybody in the country from Mahatma Gandhi and the President-elect downwards have with singular unanimity extended a very cordial invitation to the exponents of the new policy in which they see only a minor variant of their own. Moreover, the preliminary conversations informally held at Calcutta have also given us every hope that all avenues of unity will be fully explored at Gauhati in an eminently constructive spirit and that an atmosphere of peace and goodwill will be created there for conducting these friendly discussions and bringing them to a fruitful conclusion. We may also trust Mahatmaji to see that no encouragement is given to the attempt to revive the acrimonies of the election campaign by any resolution regarding the "Kabul Raj Story" and that Mr. Srinivas Iyengar will also give a sound lead to all Congress discussions by eliminating all party labels and facing all political questions in an eminently realistic manner.

Thanks also to the irresponsible autocracy of our rulers, the range of controversial issues is narrowing down while others of first class importance are emerging on which there is a concensus of opinion among all Nationalists in the country. First, to take the much-needed question of Council work. The policy of accepting or rejecting Ministerships will be hardly worth discussing at the Congress—firstly, because in no Council do the Congress members command such a majority as to be able to support their own Ministry without the aid of non-Congressmen or Government nominees; and, secondly, because in most provinces the Ministers will already have been appointed by now, of course mostly on the old lines of "divide and rule". On the other hand, all high talks of wrecking Ministries also appear to have died away during the last days, as Pandit Motilal has not found anybody—not even in otherwise congenial quarters—to echo his warlike notes. Thus if both these views are eliminated, it is difficult to understand the differences in the normal policy that Swarajists as well as Responsivists would adopt in the Councils. Both are pledged to oppose all measures that would strengthen the hands of the bureaucracy or jeopardise the rights and the interests of the people. All Congressmen again will, we have no doubt, agree to introduce bills and measures that will improve the lot of the peasants and the workers and promote the interests of our commerce and industry. The only question that is, therefore, likely to prove a stumbling block in the consummation of unity is that of throwing out the whole or a part of the budget or the supplies, just to retain a vestige of the old policy of obstruction. But we have no doubt that the good offices of Mahatma Gandhi and the President as well as the united wisdom of the country will prove equal to the solution of this knotty question.

There is, however, one vital question that may cause even greater trouble than the Council question, and that is with regard to the evils of communalism and the legitimate field of communal activities. Difficult as this question has been—more particularly in view of the recent riots of Calcutta and election activities in North India—it appeared quite capable of a reasonable solution when, alas, the ghastly assassination of Swami Shradhanand on the very eve of the Congress session has cast a dismal shadow over the whole land. While we all devoutly pray that the stray crime of a deluded fanatic may not affect the even tenor of the Congress deliberations, we cannot but apprehend that the sense of sudden loss and grief which will overwhelm most delegates from the U. P. and the Punjab may rouse and intensify their communal passions and render any amicable settlement very difficult. All eyes must, therefore, rest with hope and faith on Mahatma Gandhi who is, indeed, the only person who can be trusted to rise equal to the call of the occasion and who, while deeply conscious of the poignant tragedy of the murder, can divert the natural passions and the feelings of both the communities into harmless and fruitful channels. This will now, indeed, be the question of questions at Gauhati; and it is our earnest prayer that it may be given to our chosen representatives assembled at the annual meeting to summon up under the guidance of Mahatma Gandhi enough wisdom and courage to steer clear of all dangerous eddies and whirpools and to reach the haven of real and constructive unity.

ARCHITECTS IN BOMBAY.

The Year Book, recently published, of the Bombay Architectural Association affords interesting material to those eager to understand the manifold problems which await the attention of the architect in India. The architect in India, Indian or non-Indian, has to earn and win his position. Architecture has unfortunately in modern life in India as elsewhere, lost, no doubt, its significance. In India, the architect has to work for and achieve something more than "professional practice." India is not one of those countries that can be described as architecturally non-existent or non-descript. Its past achievements in architecture have already set certain conceptions, conventions, traditions and standards which the architect who aspires to distinction must understand, respect and maintain. This "very natural aspiration" ought to be really the only aspiration for an Indian institution like the Bombay Architectural Association. It should be its only reason for existence. And it is precisely in that position that it can help the architect seeking an independent career in India, particularly the architect who derives his training and architectural standards from abroad. But this is, surely, not the position for the Association contemplated in the Editorial contained in the Year Book. The suspicions aroused by the Editorial are only confirmed by what follows. The papers in the Year Book, are, no doubt, selected with the usual care, although they have been, unnecessarily, we believe, restricted to the bare minimum in number. The list of members with their addresses and the illustrations and the drawings reproduced add to the utility and attraction of the Year Book. But the change is distinct—the change indicated in the skilfully worded Editorial. The present is a different—and if we were thinking only of the illustrations we should say better—Year Book than the two similar publications which preceded it. The change is easily noticeable in the suggested position assigned in the Editorial to the Association and in the subsequent significant omissions and information in the published reports and appendix in the Year Book. The position for the Association contemplated in the Editorial is indicated by the fact that "the decision of the Royal Institute of British Architects to hold their Final Examination in India" is hailed as a "great event" and that the "very natural aspiration" of its members is gently directed towards the "recognised standard" of the "associationship of the R. I. B. A. which has taken generations to establish and has now become recognised throughout the Empire as a credential worth possessing." Whatever may be the recognised worth of the credentials in other parts of the Empire the fact mains that their intrinsic worth has seldom been manifest in India in the architectural achievements of their proud possessors. The Bombay Architectural Association, if it is to justify its existence, cannot, in any case, accept a position subordinate to an institution alien if not in sympathy at least in understanding and ideals and unfamliar and out of contact with the actual architectural conditions in India. It must, at all costs, maintain its freedom and evolve its own standard.

It is clear that the members who have been persuaded to regard the Association's affiliation with the R. I. B. A. as a "great event" have failed to examine and define its position. How do they expect to maintain the individuality and freedom of the Association if all that they have to do is to approve the forms of contract from the R. I. B. A. and the design subject set by the same body for the testimonies of study? The position of Mr. Ditchburn on the Examination Committee is, moreover, not as clear as it should be. Whom does he represent—the Association or the R. I. B. A.? The rights of the Association seem to be undefined and altogether nebulous. The members of the Association must take the earliest opportunity of defining the exact extent to which they are prepared to accept guidance from the R. I. B. A. The affiliation with the Institute and the grant of exemptions from certain examinations of the Institute are, if the Association is pledged for the certain advancement of Indian architecture, after all, of incidental importance. Of more vital importance are questions affecting the facilities for training and employment of architects in India and those affecting the general practice and conduct of architectural competitions in India. But that is exactly where the Year Book when it is not significantly silent is entirely evasive. The Year Book is meant to convey information, not to suppress it. We would like to know, for instance, what were exactly the modifications discussed or suggested for the Land and Property Acquisition Act, what were the points at issue in regard to the Indore architectural competition, what was the memorandum the Association addressed to the Municipality of Bombay on the subject of the Licensed Surveyors and Architects, what were the modifications achieved by the Association in the design subject set by the R. I. B. A. to suit the local conditions. The "conditions were found to be very unsatisfatory" for the Indore competition. The Association intervened. And, we are told, that the Committee of the Association feel that "they have reason to be well satisfied with the result of their efforts." The enquirer would search in vain for the clue to the precise point or points at issue. Pretentious language is no substitute for information. "In view of the complicated nature of the issues that would be involved with Public Bodies," we are told in another place, "the likelihood of any useful result being achieved was small." The reports from the Excursion Committee are also full of similarly inane remarks Three motor omnibuses for members are, in all innocence, considered o be "a special feature" of an architectural excursion. The significant omissions, evasions and elaborate flippancy observable in the reports in the Year Book are with characteristic logic echoed back in its appendix. The judgment about a trivial point in a legal contract is featured along with a letter, which looks more like a sermon, detailing the rights and competence of English architects. The letter is, ostensibly, addressed, of course, to the Secretary of the Prize of Delhi Committee. But the passage in it dealing with Sir Edwin Lutyens is an example of monumental irrelevancy. It states: "We see no ground that a man of the calibre and ability of Sir Edwin Lutyens should be any more alien in sympathy or incompetent to understand the artistic conditions and requirements of the country than Mr. Havell, Mr. Percy Brown, Captain Solomon or any other European who gives his mind to the study of Indian thought and art." We shall say nothing as to the knowledge of Indian conditions or logic revealed in the passage with the analogy of names. It is transparent. But we must say that we are surprised that such an irrelevant and offensive letter should have escaped the attention and intelligence of self-respecting members of the Association. The Association was not referred to in regard to Sir Edwin; and it was no part of the Association's business to indulge in impulses, however tempting, which seek to oblige big names. We do not think that even Sir Edwin will, in the circumstances, care to appreciate the certificate about his competence.

We have shown the dominating influence and the craftsmanship that have produced the present number of the Year Book. The change noticeable in the Editorial, that is, in the ideas of those responsible for moulding the policy of the Association, coincides with the affiliation which is hailed as a "great event." The good or evil that the Association can accomplish must, ultimately, depend on the policy which decides its position. The distinct bias that has been, as shown above, sought to be given to the Year Book assigns the Association a position at once subordinate and altogether nebulous. The "very natural aspiration" of its members has not found favour, and is not accepted, by those who have undertaken to guide them as to the basis for its activities. There is not a syllable to suggest its independent existence as an Indian institution working for the maintenance of the highest standards in architecture registered in the nation's artistic achievements. Unless that, the only possible position for the Association, is accepted in unequivocal terms, it will be helpful neither to the architect from abroad seeking an independent career in India nor to the architect more closely related to the nation. We think of and demand an independent existence and position for the Association, we thinkof no other, and we need no other. The standards borrowed or the reflected glory from an outside institution cannot acquire true prestige or freedom for the Association. The work of the architect in India, Indian or non-Indian, is a mission. He has to work for something higher than mere "professional practice." Those who aspire to serve architecture must understand the distinction.

A NATIONAL TRAGEDY.

(BY G. K. NARIMAN.)

A whole nation's unspeakable humiliation and despair will be mingled with indignation at the national sin and religious treachery which put an end to the life of Swami Shraddhanand at Delhi on the afternoon of the 23rd instant. There are men in the world whose actions are misrepresented during their life time. It is not even in the next generation that their motives find appreciation. It is the cold historian delving into records on stone or parchment who centuries after lays bare the purity of the springs of their achievements. One such was Swami Shraddhanand. He was long misunderstood as hostile to Islam. And yet how long is it since the elite among Musalmans invited him into the Shahi mosque of the metropolis of India to deliver his evangel of concord? Those who witnessed his labours to achieve harmony at the first Unity Conference at Delhi will be astounded at the dark accusations of which apparently he has fallen a victim. He strove his best to yield point after point to conciliate Musalman opinion and respect Islamic susceptibility. In like manner I bear witness to his conciliatory eloquence in the Hindu Maha Sabha held at Benares three years ago. The great Hindu leader's impassioned speeches could have sincerity alone for their passific inspiration. It is not for a minor community to interfere in the quarrels of groups which count by the millions. And there are occasions when prudence may impose reticence but civic honesty compels expression of one's deep conviction. Besides Swami Shraddhanand's life as an Indian has to be judged by Indians. And from that true Nationalist view-point truth will acclaim him as one of the Hindu apostles of Indian concord.

A Life of Service.

The Swami was of those towering Hindus who had unfeigned admiration for the Parsis. He claimed them as his own. He considered them as more. Aryan than the modern Hindus. In some of his discourses he stated that the Parsis had retained the sacred girdle for their women which even the Brahmans had neglected and it was one of his religious ambitions to reintroduce janoi among the Hindu women after the sacrosanct tradition perpetuated by the Parsis. He considered the Parsi ceremonials and rites conservating fire as more primaevel and more faithfully conserved than those transmitted to the Brahman. There are aspects of Hindu philosophy to which the Parsi almost naturally turns as the magnet to the pole. And I have marvelled at the stupidity which prefers mystic mummeries to the primaeval Vedic lore such as the Swami expouted in his lectures at the Gurukul. He pointed to Parsis' example of practical preservation of useful animal creation. The Pinjrapoles constructed by the Parsi merchant princes dwarfed, according to them, some of the institutions owing existence to ruling Hindu princes. Among his Parsi friends and admirers he counted many a wealthy one. From these he sought no contributions for the many institutions which he fathered. If at all, they came to him unasked. A man of high education and liberal culture, a master of the Punjab University, still in his prime, the Swami renounced a life of comfort to consecrate himself to his country's service holding reforms, educational and social in the Hindu community, to be of paramount moment. Recently being invited to contribute to the Krishna number of his journal I considered it a privilege to comply. On my return from Afganistan he unfeignedly rejoiced at my assurance that our Afghan neighbours had no sinister designs on India as were sometimes attributed to them by ignorance or malice. Sanyasi Shraddhanand was among the eminent members of his community who appreciated my "accounts of affairs in Kabul," testifying that "it has done immense good in easing the situation in India".

Uncompromising Reformer.

If to educate one's coreligionists to a rational appreciation of the faiths of others, to strive for their physical regeneration, to supply them with necessary knowledge and to teach them to look upon the non-Hinndus as fraternal co-tenants of common ancestral land or virtues which India needs in her greater sons, this one among the greatest of the country had the largest measure of them. All India, Musalmans not the least, will deplore the assassin's insanity. The Parsis will mourn the death of one who visited them in Bombay and Gujarat to seek closer association with them on terms of fraternity.

The Swami had reasoned arguments for the non-Hindu, the Christian missionary for instance. To his own community he never minced his words, vigorously denouncing the social agencies of ruin among them. The latter winced under the reprobation of Brahmans who sold cows to butchers, Banias who adulterated ghee with fat and the selfish orthodox whose religious dementia placed below the brute the man born in castes which a ruthless usage held as unworthy of human touch. He condemned the opponents of widow re-marriage who violated the sanctity of the Vedas and subjected the Hindu widows to indignities which drove them to abandon their spiritual heritage and to seek a life of greater tolerance under the humane aegis of alien creeds While last in Bombay he was threatened with assassination but the man who loved all life had contempt for death and expressed the gratification and glory in a marty's crown which was eventually his. It is no innuendo to any one to aver that so long as Hinduism continues to produce sons of his controlled zeal and self-effacing devotion it will extort the respect and commend the affectionate regard at any rate, of the Parsis.

Spontaneous pan-Indian sympathy is evoked for the son and relatives of the Swamji and not less heart-felt is the sorrow for those hundreds who must feel spiritually orphaned by a sanguinary blow, thrice poignant in the ghastly criminality of its apparent pre-meditation.

ACCORDING TO PROPHECY.

(F. K.)

The world is approaching a crisis. Biblical prophecy is coming true. The War and its aftermath have vindicated the Old Testament phophecies. And the testimony of history "fulfilled according to Prophecy" challenges the attention of the world. The Jews are at long last coming into their own. In Palestine and in Europe the main events that followed the War have fulfilled the Prophecy. There are signs for all those who can see into the future through the periscope of the past, to warn us of the Millennium to come. I say "warn" advisedly; for we have to get spiritually ready for the Millennium. The greatest Armageddon is yet to come according to Revelations. And it does not need prophetic vision to see that we are approaching that purgatory. Jesus Christ came according to Prophecy and was crucified according to Prophecy. Subsequent history has been fulfilled according to Prophecy. Therefore, there is a strong case for the Second Coming of Christ, also according to Prophecy.

But I hear the unbelievers saying, "If Jesus was the Son of God how failed He to deliver the world at the First Coming." He did not fail the world. The world failed Him. Again according to Prophecy Christ Himself had to bear His Cross for the world's sake; how much more must the world bear its own cross! The world had to learn its lesson of Calvary from Jesus. That is why it was not delivered at the First Coming of Christ. The cross has been with the world since the Fall of Adam and Eve. The message of Calvary has been with the world since Jesus gave it one thousand and nine hundred years ago. But the world has not accepted the Cross or the meaning of Calvary. It has never understood the joy of Calvary—the joy of self-sacrifice, Hence the World's woes.

"He that shall save his life shall lose it, but he that shall lose his life shall gain it." That paradox is the marrow of Christian teaching—of Hindu teaching, of all original religious teaching. Again, "Lay not up treasures on earth where moth and rust doth corrupt them, but lay up your treasures in Heaven. . ." Is not that "Maya"?

But, alas, for the world! How can the world give up the worship of the Golden Calf? And yet Good Tidings for the world. In Christ the world may be healed. Its illusions of money and power may be dissolved like mist before the Sun in the Burning Shining Reality of Christ the Saviour, the Comforter, the Good Physician. That is Christ's message of Hope and Good Cheer on Christmas Day.

Notes of the Day.

Peace which Brought No Peace.

With the ratification of the Treaty of Versailles, peace was declared in Europe. Victors and vanquished were to forget the old enmities, the newly-created States of Central Europe were to adhere, under the aegis of some Big Power or other, to the task of solidifying their acquisitions, and the era of peace was to help in furthering the League's work at Geneva of making future wars impossible. But this era of peace has brought no real peace. The Central European States appear to be as keen on fighting each other as before, and unless very determined efforts are made by the Powers which use the internecine jealousies of the smaller nations in Europe, to serve their own political ends, another conflagration may break out in a Balkanised Central Europe. The latest news is that under Marshal Pilsudski the Polish army is to be materially augmented, and that Lithuania may try again to establish her claim over Vilna by the force of arms. This means that Germany and Russia may have to intervene in the quarrel, the former on the Polish side, the latter by sheer force of political circumstance on behalf of the Lithuanians. It will require all the resources of the League's diplomatic influence to prevent such a disastrous possibility.

A Warning.

The Mears Committee's report will soon be out and public anxiety in regard to what it may recommend so as to save further follies on Lloyd's Foliy is naturally very great although its interim report was a severe disappointment. Non-official opinion, Indian and European, has clearly expressed itself on the question and resents the conduct of the Government of Bombay in proposing to proceed with the completion of Block 7. Fate evidently wills that they should be warned not to flout public opinion, because "Sir George Lloyd" suddenly declared itself "hors de combat" on Thursday and the dredger has thus joined the public in its disinclination for further filling activity. The official enthusiasts lament that but for this cantankerous behaviour of "Sir George Lloyd" which proposes to remain inactive throughout the working season, the filling up of Block 7 could have been completed within five weeks. But there will be no regret on the part of the public that the Block will remain unfilled. We hope the Government of Bombay will now at least give up their stubborn attitude and close down the operations.

Saraswat Conferences.

We are not much in favour of communal conferences of any kind. Even social conferences are better organised on the territorial basis. We recognise, however, the force in the argument that, after certain social reforms are found to be necessary by non-communal conferences, small communal conferences may come in handy in the introduction of those reforms into the various communities concerned. We understand that the Kanara Saraswats, now scattered all over the country, are holding a conference to-day at Santa Cruz to consider the introduction among them of some urgent social reforms, such as raising the marriageable age of girls to sixteen years, permitting widows to re-marry, bringing the community in closer social contact with other sister communities, removal of untouchability, etc. We are delighted to learn that at several meetings of Saraswat ladies a resolution has been unanimously passed demanding that no girl should be married before she is at least sixteen and that till then she should be given sound and suitable education. We are also glad to learn that at several meetings of Saraswat ladies and gentlemen held in Bombay, Santa Cruz, and Karachi, a resolution permitting widow re-marriage has been passed by an overwhelming majority. We hope the Conference will put its seal upon both these resolutions without a dissentient vote. They embody the call of the weak and helpless for justice and humanity. We expect nothing less from the wider All-India Saraswat Conference to be held to-morrow to promote the fusion of sub-castes among Saraswats. Amalgamation is by itself good; amalgation for a great purpose is splendid.

A Change for the Better.

The action of the new Diwan of Idar State, Rao Bahadur Kotak, in rescinding the prohibition orders against nine representatives of the Praja Mandal is welcome as indicating a change for the better in the administration of a State, whose ruler and his entourage have recently been justly criticised for their autocratic methods of rule. The new Dewan has also shown a liberal outlook in lifting the ban on certain nationalist newspapers whose entry into the State was an eyesore to the officials. We hope the Idar Praja Mandal will take the lead in congratulating Rao Bahadur Kotak on the new turn of affairs, and in reiterating the hope of the subjects of Idar State and their well-wishers in British India, that this initial reform is only the prelude to others of a more comprehensive nature.

MANDATE TO BE REVOKED?

BRIGHT PROSPECTS OF UNITY

MAHATMA ON THE REFORMS

MAHARASHTRA'S APPEAL TO CONGRESS

Mahatmaji, interviewed, before departure for Gauhati said people are going there with an open mind. It is too risky to prophesy anything about what the programme is going to be.

The concensus of opinion of leaders at Gauhati is against the moving of the resolution of censure againht Lalaji. Lala Girdhari Lal said the Punjab would oppose any such move. Motilalji interview said he had not the least intention of bringing up the matter before the Congress.

The Hindustani C. P. Provincial C. C. has passed a resolution recommending to the Congresh to declare Complete Independence its goal.

According to our special representatives report, the opinion is held ehpecially among No-changers that the Congress mandate as regards Council programme should be revoked.

NO CENSURE AGAINST LALAJI

CONGRESS CAMP Dec. 23.

In a big procession bad weather prevented Pandit Motilal Nehru from reaching to-day. His ship will lay anchor in the Brahmaputra, early to-morrow. Be working Committee meets to-morrow at 7/30 p.m. and the Subjects Committee will follow an hour later only a limited number of Press reporters will be allowed to the Subjects Committee's deliberations, and it is rumoured that reports will have to pass through the censor's hand.

PROSPECTS OF UNITY.

As come of no-changers have already arrived, it has become possible to gauge their attitude towards the question of unity. Intetviewed by our representative. responsible no-channgers refrained from making any definite statement of their policy. It is abundantly clear from discussions which our representative had with them, that they all desire unity before anything else. Disunion within the Congress Camp has, according to them, done grueat injury to the propagation of the constructive Programme which is day by day being thrown into background. Most of the no-changers sincerely desire to close up Congress ranks on more vigorous and effective constructive programme. It is very likely that Mahatma Gandhi will play the most prominent part in the deliberations of this year's session. Prominent No-changers avow that they won't participate in deliberations on the Council programme. They say their main concern will be active participation in work. The Congress Exhibition is to be opened by Mahatma Gandhi.

MOVE FOR UNITY.

It transpires that a move will be taken by no-changers in the first instance to unite all parties on a common platform of action, as parties on a common platform of action, as they attach very little importance to Council work. Naturally it can be safely presumed that the Council programme will be deleted from th Congress mandate altogether

Amon the delegates s far gathered the general trend of leaning seems to be towards the Sarwaj party. Assam, Andhra and Bihar are solidly for no-change in the Mandate. However, intervention of the no changers is bound to play a suspicious part in settling the final issue. One has reasons to be optimistic about the result and the prospects of unity are brightening every day. Whatever may hauppen the no-changers are unannimous o one point, viz., that they will abide by the Congress decision of whatever nature it may be Pandvnagar has become the melting pot of speculations of many kind and description.

LEADERS REACH GAUHATI.

GAUHATI, Dec. 24.

Mr. Srinivasa Iyengar, President-elect of the Congress, Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Malaviya, Hon'ble Mr. V. J. Patel, the Ali brothers and a nmber of other leaders and delegates arrived here this afternoon. Mr. Srinivasa Iyengar had telegraphed that he did not wannt a processio to be taken in his honour. I need Swami Shradananda's murder has cast a gloom over the Congress circles and has made the leaders realise that eve more urgent and pressing than political issues is the communal situation.

THE NEW PROGRAMME.

MAHATMAJI INTERVIEWED.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24.

Before he left for Gauhati, Mahatma Gandhi, interviewed on the question of a new programme, said it was too early to talk because the programme had to be settled by the Congress. "Every one," he siad, "may have his own views, but it is difficult to say what the Congress will accept. So far as I am aware, the people are going with an open mind and a sincere desire to arrive at some workable programme which can be accepted by different groups, but it is too risky to prophesy anything about what the programme is going to be, even roughly."

On the working of the reforms, Mahatma remarked: "So far as I can say, there will be certainly strongest disinclination to work the Reforms until, naturally, the one point that Bengal feels, namely, indemnity, detention of political prisoners, is honourably and satisfactorily settled."—Free Press.

MAHATMAJI ONLY A SPECTATOR

NOTHING TO DO WITH COUNCIL CONTROVERSY

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23.

Mahatma Gandhi, it is now definitely understood, has no intention of taking any part in the controversies that are raging over the Council programme. He has told the friends that had approached him that he is attending the Congress specially at the request of Pandit Motilal Nehru, but his part will be only that of a spectator.

Mahatmaji's opinion is said to be that the real work lies outside the legislatures, and that those who believe in the work within the councils must decide for themselves the course of action they would pursue.

This is taken as to mean that Mahatmaji will not act in the matter for an understanding between the Swarajists and Responsivists.

The issue in the Congress will now be fought by the Swarajists and the No-changers led by Mr. B. Sambarmurty.

The Ali brothers it is stated are for a shuffling of the programme.—Free Press.

CONGRESS AND COUNCIL PROGRAMME

SPECULATION REGARDING MAHATMAJI'S RESOLUTION.

PANDU (Congress Camp), Dec. 23.

It is yet premature to speculate as to the course of political move that the Congress would adopt, but things as they stand now tend toward reiteration of the Cawnpore resolution, which will be pressed by a majority of delegates from Bengal, Assam and the Punjab. The position of Andhra, the province of the President-Elect, it however, a bit complicated. There might be a move by some Andhra leaders to add to the Cawnpore resolution a clause giving power to the All-India Congress Committee to grant permission to any province applying for a change in the present policy on non-acceptance of office enabling the province to accept some office or offices if the conditions of the province so demand for the furtherance of the national cause. But such question of provincial authority to accept offices or to take a course different from that chalked by the Congress decision will have in all probability an opposition from big leaders of Swarajya politics in the United Provinces, the Punjab and Bengal.

As regards Mahatmaji moving a resolution in the Congress freeing the Congress from the Council programme, leaving it to respective parties and debarring Congress members from being members of any communal organisation, most of the leaders, who have arrived here hold that the Associated Press message could not be relied on. If it be true and if Mahatmaji would move any such resolution, the real issue would be shifted from the question of acceptance or non-acceptance of offices to that resolution, and Mahatmaji is not at all likely to have such a resolution passed in the Congress.—Free Press.

MEANING OF RESPONSIVE CO-OPERATION.

BHOPATKAR'S APPEAL TO CONGRESS.

POONA CITY, Dec. 23.

Mr. L. B. Bhopatkar, President, Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee, has sent the following letter by wire to Mr. A. Rangaswami Aiyengar, General Secretary, All-India Congress Committee, Gauhati:—

"I am too ill to attend the Congress session. Please place all the resolutions of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee before the All-India Congress Committee and the Subjects Committee for discussion and read to them this telegram, particularly in support of the resolution requesting the Congress to adopt the policy of Responsive Co-operation. Responsive Co-operation does not and cannot mean co-operation with the bureaucracy under all conditions and

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AIR SERVICES IN INDIA

SIR SAMUEL TO MEET VICEROY.

BASIS OF DISCUSSION.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Sir Samuel and Lady Hoare are very busy preparing for their London-Delhi flight. Each passenger of the airliner is allowed only suitcase and will wear latest life-saving non-sinkable waistcoats. Earl Winterton has taken Sir Samuel Hoare's ceremonial kit in advance. Sir Samuel anticipates a very strenuous journey and expects to rough it. The only trouble may be sand storms in the Middle East and possibly wet aerodromes in Iraq. Hoare will inspect air force stations *en eurote* and accompanied by Winterton by air will visit all Air Force units in India when he will have inspected entire Air Force command except Aden which he hopes to visit eventually. It is noteworthy that Sir Geoffrey Salmond, new Air Force Commander in India who will accompany Sir Samuel and Lady Hoare will be the first to fly but to assume command.

Sir Samuel Hoare will probably spend a couple of nights in Karachi. He will meet the Viceroy at Delhi where His Excellency will christen the airliner "City of Delhi." He will spend four or five days in Delhi and discuss with the Viceroy the development of India's air services which he is of opinion should be worked out as closely as possible with the other parts of the Empire as India will play an important part in linking up the Empire services.

Sir Samuel Hoare interviewed by Reuter said that it must be left to the Government of India to consider whether Air Force or Civil Company should begin to develop India's aid services. Personally he was of opinion that the present strength of Air Force in India was fully engaged on its own duties. Recommendations of Indian Air Board, however, would be the basis of discussions. —Reuter.

BASES IN CANADA AND S. AFRICA

LONDON, Dec. 23.

It is learned in London to-day that the Governments of Canada and South Africa have agreed to Sir Samuel Hoare's request to establish airship bases in order to assist in the scheme of regular airship service between Great Britain and India and organisation of a series of demonstration flights to various capitals of Dominions. The decision of Australian Government has not yet been announced but is expected to be favourable. Captain P. F. M. Fellowes, Director of Airship Development has been selected as one of expedts advisers requested by the Canadian and South African Governments. It is probable that two separate parties will be formed one to Canada and other to South Africa and Australia.—Reuter.

SOVIET PLOTS IN LITHUANIA

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS WITH POLICE

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Riga.—Lithuanian Press reports that police possess documents proving indubitably that the Bolshevist emissaries from Moscow prepared a Bolshevist putsch for Christmas with the object of linking up Lithuania with Soviet Russia and that similar putsches had been prepared for other Baltic States. The Police claim that when they searched the arrested men they found lists of people to be shot immediately after putsch and that a military coup which resulted in the Right Wing Government thwarted these plans.—Reuter.

GERMAN RELATIONS WITH POLAND.

PROTRACTED DIFFERENCES CLOSED.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Warsaw.—The question of the deportation of the respective nationals which had long been straining the relations between Germany and Poland has been settled by the conclusion of a series of conventions and agreements according to which a number of Polish workers who have been in Germany for several years and who had been ordered to leave the country has been reduced to eight thousant. Agreement in this connection stipulates that a definite convention on the migration of agricultural workers shall be negotiated before February 1927. Protracted pourparlers concerning the question of nationality have also resulted in an agreement by which Germany has agreed to restore the archives and other documents to Poland, and Poland has promised to refrain from selling goods to Germans who are temporarily Polish citizens.—Reuter.

FLIGHT SQUADRONS FOR PROCLAMATION PARADE.

MADRAS, Dec. 23.

A Bangalore message says that four aeroplanes of Flight Squadron of the Royal Air Force arrived at Bangalore this noon from Poona. They will take part in the proclamation parade and co-operate with the concentration of troops fixed for January 10th to 20th.—A.P.

INTERVIEW WITH CAPT. PATWARDHAN

IMPRESSIONS OF AFGHANISTAN.

HINDU-MUSLIM CONCORD.

Captain A. D. Patwardhan, who was given a commission as a Flight Captain in the Afghan Air Force, has returned after his two years' service and is now in Bombay.

Interviewed by a representative of "The Chronicle", this Indian pilot said that he had had a very pleasant time in Afghanistan and he found the Afghan people very hospitable. The air force was purely military and all the Officers, barring himself and the Afghan Commander, were Russians and the treatment he received was most friendly. There was no differentiation as between inferior and superior, and there was absolute equality.

There was a system of compulsory military training as in Germany and every Afghan youth had to undergo regular military training for two years after which he was put in reserve free to look after his own vocations, but would have to take up active service in times of need.

BERLIN-KABUL AIR SERVICE.

He informed our representative of the projected Indo-German Air connections starting from Berlin, via Constantinople, Teheran and Kabul which would favourably compete with the Cairo-Baghdad-Karachi Scheme, as the former promised a quicker and short time route.

Asked as to what he intended to do at present, Captain Patwardhan said that he was trying to organise light aeroplane clubs in India, with Bombay, Delhi and Calcutta as centres. He would be consulting the Government of India on this matter about the second week of January. These light aeroplane clubs would be attached to the University corps.

SOCIAL LIFE IN AFGHANISTAN.

Replying to a question about the Social life in Afghanistan, he said that there was complete equality of status among all classes and nationalities. The Hindus and Mussalmans were quite on friendly terms, and he declared, during the course of his two years' stay in Afghanistan he could find not a single cow being led in procession to the slaughter house.

Education in that neighbouring country was compulsory and French and German Schools had been started. Female education had been introduced and the women of Afghanistan were taking keen interest in the movement in spite of their purdah system.

A STRIKING FEATURE.

Spinning and weaving formed a striking feature of the Afghan villages, they were being considered as their cottage industries. The wearing of homespuns was enforced throughout the country and the sartorial equipment of each departmena, civil and military, was strictly Swadeshi. His Majesty the Amanullakhan was himself very simple in regal attires and his free movement among his subjects had endeared him to his people.

"Prohibition is another remarkable feature in the social life of the people," continued the captain. Afghanistan was absolutely dry and drinking was strictly banned. There was even no excise department he remarked in the Afghan administration.

Our representative next asked him whether he could give an idea of how the Afghan Government viewed the idea of an Asiatic Federation, to which Captain Patwardhan replied:—

"Afghanistan is now busy with her own construction. She is just at present not actively interested in the question of an Asiatic Federation. But certainly there is a feeling when the Afghan people look for the day when Kabul will become Geneva of Asia, and a league of Asiatic Nations will sit together."

Concluding the interview he said, that what struck him most in the life of the Afghan was the way in which he spent his earning. The Afghan went in for a horse and rifle and cared little for dainties and fancy goods.

Captain Patwardhan will deliver some lectures in the Benares Hindu University in January at the special request of the authorities.

MEMORANDUM ON CHINA.

PROPOSALS UNACCEPTABLE.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Peking.—Although the British memorandum mentioned in a message of 21st December has not yet been published, the Kuomintang organ "People's Tribune" foreshadows Nationalist intransigence. The paper says that notwithstanding the fact that proposals contained in the memorandum are termed the most liberal of the proposals hitherto mooted they are utterly unacceptable.—Reuter.

HYGIENE DELEGATES COMPLETE MADRAS TOUR.

MADRAS, Dec. 23.

Dr. Lees and Mrs. Rolfe of the British Social Hygiene Delegation delivered this evening a lecture on social Hygiene at the Buckingham and Carnatic Mill Institute. This concludes their programme in Madras and they leave to-morrow morning for Rangoon.—A.P.

THE TRAGEDY AND AFTER.

UNIVERSAL REGRET.

GLOWING TRIBUTES TO SWAMI'S LIFEWORK.

TODAY'S FUNERAL PROCESSION.

Universal regret is felt all over India at the murder of Swami Shraddhanand. Leaders of all shades of political opinion have condemned the crime and paid glowing tributes to the lifework of the Swami, including Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Pandit Motilal, Mr. S. Srinivasa Iyengar, Lala Lajpat Rai, Messrs. Jayakar, Jinnah and Goswami, and Swami Satyadev.

The funeral procession will be taken out to-day. Thosands of persons and their last 'darshan' of the Swami's body on Friday.

Lalaji hah proceeded to Delhi, also Messrs. Jayakar and Belgaumwalla.

The reported death of Dharam Singh, theSwami's attendant, is unconfirmed.

ASSAILANT'S CONFESSION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DELHI, Dec. 23.

Burn Bastion Road was the scene of a gruesome murder this afternoon at four o'clock. Swami Shraddanand who had been lying ill with broncho-pneumonia and was just recovering was shot dead by a alleged Mahomedan named Abdul." Rasheed The murderer suddenly entered Swamiji's room without warning and with a six chambered revolver fired three shots one on his chest and two on the sides below the chest. Swamiji immediately expired even before he could cry for help. Immediately after Rasheed, it is alleged, rushed on Swamiji's attendant named Dharam Singh and fired one shot on him on the right thigh. The attendant, however, caught hold of the assailant's wrist thus disabling him from using the revolver again. When another Swami, a Lieutenant of Swami Shraddanand came in for help on hearing the cries of the attendent, and the sound of shots that preceded them, the assailant with the aid of a knife is alleged to have stabbed the junior Swami with his left hand but not much serious injury was done. The police were communicated with and arrived on the spot, and took down the statement of Dharamsingh who before completing his statement had to be removed to hospital. The Deputy Commissioner also arrived on the spot. Dr. Ansari who had come earlier examined the departed Swami and the attendant, and advised that the latter's statement should be immediately taken down. The statement will not be completed till night.

The revolver and knife were also recovered Although half an hour had not elapsed after Swamiji's murder the Hindu and Mahomedan residents of Delhi ran up in thousands to the residence of the Swamiji to have a last glimpse of one of the foremost men of India. The scene of murder and the whole of the Burn Bastion Road were thronged with crowds numbering over 10,000 with the result that traffic was blocked. Even as I write this message at half past five, I fear that I may not find it easy to go to the Telegraph office through the surging crowds.

A HEART-RENDING SIGHT.

Upstairs in Swamiji's room it was a most horrible sight. The body of Swamiji was laid in the bed on which he was shot covered with shawls, but even then the blood was oozing out of the clothes that covered the still figure. When the clothes were removed to enable the Deputy Commissioner to have a look at the figure, the condition of Swami's face was heart-rending to a degree if only because it was calm as though he were still living. Even in the hour of his trial Swamiji should have kept his composure which had made him so famous in India's history. Surely the great man who had laid his breast bare before the military in Delhi in the days of the Rowlatt Act could not have winced before an ordinary murderer. Hundreds who had the painful privilege of seeing the body of the great man went back weeping as children.

DR. ANSARI DEEPLY AFFECTED.

The alleged murderer when he was prepared still to fight. His coolness in the face of a murder of his own making was remarkable. The Police Superintendent the examined the revolver and the bullets that were extracted from Swamiji's body. The whole city is mourning over the loss of one who was dear to them and none is more affected by the loss of Swamiji than Doctor Ansari who to Swamiji was not only a doctor but a dear and near friend and brother.

In the course of his statement which was cut short by his removal to hospital, Dharamsingh said that the murderer arrived at the house at about quarter to four and sought permission to discuss with Swamiji some problem of Islam. Witness replied that his was not the proper time as Swamiji was ill. In the meanwhile Swamiji who was coming back from the bathroom told his attendant it did not matter if a visitor called on him. Dharamsingh then brought the visitor inside Swamiji's room where Swamiji received him with cordiality. Rasheed then told Swamiji that he felt anxious to discuss with Swami some problems affecting his religion. Swamiji replied that he was lying too ill to discuss anything at the present moment on account of his illness, but invited his future murderer to call on him another day at a more suitable opportunity. Then Rasheed asked for a cup of water to drink. Swamiji called his attendent, the witness who was close by and asked him to bring water. Rasheed being a Muslman witness called him outside to take his water. The visitor agreeing came out and drank his water. Then witness went inside to keep back the vessel when he heard a revolver shot. He ran back post haste only to find that Swamiji had already been shot once. Just as he was on the steps of the door Rasheed fired at Swamiji a second time. Witness took hold of the murderer's body from behind the back but even then the murderer managed to fire a third shot on Swamiji. All the while Swamiji did not even wince. He did not call for help. Now witness held the murderer's wrist, Rasheed however was able to fire a shot sideways which hit witness below the thigh. At this stage the Deputy Commissioner arrived, and on the previous advice of Dr. Ansari who had said that witness's condition was not quite satisfactory, removed witness to hospital when his statement will be continued.

MUSLIMS' CONDEMNATION.

In an exclusive interview granted to the "Hindustan Times," Khan Bahadur Riazada, Mohamed Hussain Sahib, Chairman of the Reception Committee of the All-India Muslim League and Mr. Asaf Ali made the following statement. "It is a matter of profound grief that Swami Shradha Nandji, one of the highly respected leaders of India, has succumbed to the fatal injuries inflicted by a homicidal maniac as Swamiji was in his sick bed at the time of his assault, the assassin's dastardly attack must be condemned in the strongest language possible by all well-wishers of India."

PEOPLE'S LAST "DARSHAN."

DELHI, Dec. 24.

Swami Shradanand's body is lying in the room where the tragedy took place last evening. But it will be removed to the ground floor to enable the public to pay their last respects to the deceased. Since morning large crowds are waiting outside and people are being admitted by batches to do "darshan".

The Hindu portion of the city is observing mourning by complete hartal and only isolated shops are open here and there in the Chandnichauk. The city has been placarded, informing the Hindu residents of the tragedy and inviting them to do honour to the martyr by joining in the funeral which takes place to-morrow at 11 a.m. The body will be taken in procession to the historic Nigambod Ghat through Khari Bawli and Chandnichowk for cremation.

In press interviews, prominent citizens of Delhi including Dr. Ansari and Mr. Asaf Ali condemn the outrage. A very large number of telegrams and letters of condolence have been received by Professor Indar, son of Swami Shradanand.

The "Hindustan Times" and other local papers pay eloquent tribute to the deceased. —A. P.

POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION.

DELHI, Dec. 24

The post-mortem examination of the body of Swami Shradanand was held by Col. Franklin this morning at the residence of the deceased Swami. The Civil Surgeon in his report stated that the Swami received four bullet wounds one in th echest below the neck and three in the right shoulder and expressed the opinion that the Swami died of bullet-wounds in the chest.

It is reported that the alleged murderer, in a statement to the police, said that he alone was responsible for the crime, and no one else was concerned in it. He had felt for some time that the Swami was responsible for the present misery of the Mahomedans and that he was seeking a favourable opportunity to kill him. He had a pistol which he had obtained from Kabul where he had gone to do his Hajrat. The accused had no intention to attack the second man Dharam Singh if the latter had not caught hold of him from behind. The accused "expected to go to heaven for killing a Kafir."

PAST INCIDENT RECALLED

The murder of Swami Shradanand recalls a similar crime in 1897, that is, 29 years ago when Pandit Lekh Ram who was the first martyr of the Arya Samaj made speeches at Delhi to which Mahomedans objected and filed two complaints against him in the law courts, but failed to secure a conviction or obtain satisfaction. A month later Pandit Lekh Ram was stabbed to death by a Moslem youth who had previously

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MANDATE TO BE REVOKED?

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circumstances. It is a constitutional equivalent of "tit for tat." It is a replica of the principle propounded by Lord Shri Krishna in his divine song. It is all-comprehensive, all-embracing in nature, ranging from a policy of pure non-co-operation to one of absolute co-operation under varying conditions. It may assume any form or phase of activity as circumstances demand.

"The Swaraj Party functioned in the Central and Provincial legislatures on the great principle during the last three years though its advertised policy was one of continuous and uniform obstruction. It heartily co-operated with Government where co-operation was deemed desirable and opposed Government where opposition was felt necessary. The present declared policy of the Swaraj Party though apparently one of consistent and continuous obstruction, if properly scanned and examined, amounts to Responsive Co-operation.

DROP THE CAMOUFLAGE.

"It is high time for us to drop this camouflage of obstruction and be candid towards the country and boldly accept Responsive Co-operation as the guiding principle of work in the legislatures. The manifesto issued by the Responsive Co-operation Party at Akola makes that party's position in regard to the Reforms in general and the work in the legislatures in particular absolutely clear and unmistakeable. Perusing the programmes of the Swarajists and the Responsivists with an unbiassed mind, one cannot escape the conviction that the difference between them, if at all any, is like one between Tweedledum and Tweedledee.

"The Swarajists contest the elections under dyarchy, work in the legislatures under dyarchy, and capture Presidentships created by dyarchy but say that they do not accept dyarchy. The Responsivists condemn the Reforms as unsatisfactory, disappointing and inadequate and say that they should be worked for what they are worth and should be worked in order to accelerate the grant of full responsible government and to strengthen the people's resistance to the misrule and injustice. They further declare that their working of the Reforms does not imply that they have surrendered their objections to dyarchy. Both hate dyarchy and want to give it an early burial. But the Responsivists like to extract as much good out of it as it is capable of yielding till it is buried.

SENTIMENTAL DISTINCTION.

"The Swarajists and Responsivists fought shoulder to shoulder three years back for the lifting up of the Council boycott. The Responsivists to-day are fighting with their former comrades in arms for the lifting up of a ban on posts of power, initiative and responsibility as, for example, Presidentships and Ministerships. The second uplift is only a logical conclusion of the principle accepted and the policy inaugurated in 1923.

"It is a mistake to make any distinction between the Presidentship and Ministership as none really exists. The distinction is more sentimental than real. Both are products of the popular will and dependent upon it, neither is in the gift of Government but in the gift of the Council members. A Party minister is the vanguard of a popular army. It may also be said to be the party's man in the enemy's camp. Party Ministerships afford larger and better opportunities to attack the enemy's citadel successfully and initiate real measures for the country's good. The Swarajists' opposition to acceptance of Ministerships only is illogical and absurd. It is more so when the Swarajists have no objection to support Independent ministers as in Madras, where they are all willing to do with their left hand what they pretend to refuse to do with their right. The only ground which they can logically urge in favour of non-acceptance of Ministerships is the fact that their acceptance was first advocated by persons not in the good books of the present Swarajist leaders.

THE ALTERNATIVES.

"As regards the Councils only two courses are open. One of boycott and the other of Responsive Co-operation, which includes even acceptance of Presidentships and Ministerships, if deemed necessary or desireable. The Swarajists' policy is wrong in principle tried and ended in a good fiasco. Responsive Co-operation was deliberately adopted by the Amritsar Congress and deserves now to be given a fair trial. If that too is found wanting the nation is free to choose any other more suitable and virile policy.

"Considerations of expediency require the Congress boldly to embark upon the policy of Responsive Co-operation in the legislatures and give it a fair and square trial. I am conscious of the fact that Assam, Bengal and Behar will naturally be in overwhelming numbers in the Congress and each will have its provincial peg to hang the national cause upon. But I desire these provinces to take a long and broad view of the present situation. They should in fairness to other provinces refuse to foist their own will and provincial grievances upon the latter by sheer strength of their numbers.

NOW OR NEVER.

"Now or never is the time for uniting all national forces and adroitly marshalling them in the country's cause. Congressmen should note that national victory does not lie in vanquishing this or that party but the common foe. Swarajists of to-day are but Responsivists to-morrow as Responsivists of to-day were Swarajists of yesterday. The flow of national politics is towards Responsivism and though temporarily checked is bound in the long run to pull down all barriers and reach its destined end.

"These and the like were considerations which influenced the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee in passing the resolution recommending Responsive Co-operation as the guiding principle in the matter of Council work. May Almighty God inspire this house to accept it courageously and apply it usefully."—Associated Press.

UNITED NATIONALIST PART

PRESS REPORTCNTRADICTED.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23.

Dr. Moonje and Mr. Raghavendra Rao in a joint statement to the Associated Press contradicted the report published in the papers about a meeting in the house of the former and state that the meeting formed a Council Party, called the United Nationalist Party, but did not decide as to who should be selected for the presidenship of the Council and Ministry. The Party is further prepared to co-operate whole-heartedly with all members of the C. P. Council, Swarajist and Non-Swarajists who are prepared to enlist as members of the Party by signing a pledge which declares that in regard to Council work in the C. P., members signing it will carry out the policy of the United Nationalist Party and conform to the rules that may be made from time to time.—A. P.

WORK FOR COMMUNAL UNITY

ABUL KALAM AZAD INTERVIEWED.

PANDU, Congress Camp, Dec. 23.

On the eve of the Congress Committees deliberations, a large number of delegates have arrived from various parts of the country. Among to-days arrivals are members belonging either to the Swaraj Party, or to the Party of orthodox Non-co-operators. These include Moulana Abul Kalam Azad, Babu Rajendra Prasad, Mr. T. Prakasam, M.L.A., Dr. Pattabhi Sitharamayya, Mr. Shakarlal Banker, Lala Shanwarlal of Delhi, Babu Shiva Prasad Gupta, Swami Sampurnand, Mr. A. C. Mazumdar and Mr. V. V. Jogiah, M.L.A. Pandit Motilal Nehru who was to have arrived here at 8 a.m. morning by steamer Kadoti is reaching late in the evening. On account of this delay, there will be a slight postponement in coming to a decision on the election dispute in the United Provinces Congress Committee.

NO NEED FOR KHILAFAT CONFERENCE.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad interviewed by the Associated Press expressed satisfaction that Khilafat Conference was not held this year, as in his opinion, the need for such a conference did not exist. They should now all concentrate on mobilizing the strength of the Congress and that Gauhati Congress should inaugurate a vigorous campaign to bring about communal unity and relieve the existing tension.—A. P.

RESOLUTION ABOUT SATYAGRAHA.

CAWNPOIRE, Dec. 23.

Pandit Shanti Swarup, Member of the All-India Congress Committee proposes to move the following resolution in the Subjects Committee at Gauhati:

'This All-India Congress Assembly with a view of ascertain that public is ready for Satyagraha or not, invites and requests all to send to the office of the Congress, the names of persons ready and willing to suffer and bear the brunt, bullets and spears like brave men without at the same time offending their opponent."

Swami Kumaranand another member has given notice that he will move two resolutions in the Subjects Committee, one to demand immediate release of all political prisoners and the other for the appointment of a sub-committee of the Congress to devise some practical measures for the welfare of the political prisoners and the Indian exiles abroad and in foreign countries.—Free Press.

CENSURE AGAINST LALAJI.

PANDIT MOTILAL INTERVIEWED.

The Indian Daily Telegraph of Lucknow in a recent issue had stated that what the Congress needs is not unity but purge and suggested to the Gauhati session to pass a vote of censure on the party of Lala Lajpat Rai for his statement that the Congress is in conspiracy with Afghanistan.

Asked for his opinion on this suggestion, Pandit Motilal Nehru, the Swarajist leader stated to the Associated Press Representative "have been out of touch with what is called civilisation for the last 18 days holding communion with nature undefiled by the hand of man. I know nothing about the article in the "Indian Daily Telegraph" that you refer to. All I can say is that I have not inspired it. The point you refer to has never occurred to me, and I have not the least intention of touching it up before the Congress. But if it is brought out in some shape or form by others it will be time for me to think what part I should take in the discussion."

PUNJAB TO OPPOSE CENSURE MOTION

PANDU, (Congress Camp), Dec 24

Sensation has been created here as a result of the resolution Mr. Ranga Iyer intends moving in the Congress passing censure on Lala Lajpat Rai for his allegations against the Swarajists regarding an Afghan conspiracy. The general view of the Congress leaders is against any such resolution being at all moved, and Lala Girdhari Lal definitely asserted that they were never for such a stiff course. He also declared that they (Punjab) would oppose any such move. —Free Press.

CONGRESS AND COUNCILS.

PLEA FOR COLLABORATION.

PANDU, (Congress Camp), Dec 24

As the delegates from various provinces are arriving, the Congress camp at Pandu is now quite astir, making arrangements for the sitting and successful ending of the Congress. Pandit Motilal Nehru comes to the leaders' camp this afternoon from Mr. Phookan's house where he stayed overnight.

Discussion will commence to-day in adopted by Congress Councillors in the legislatures Mr Rangaswamy Iyengar, General Secretary of the All-India Congress Committee had a conversation with Punditji at Mr. Phookan's residence this morning.

About thirty resolutions have been sent to the All-India Congress Committee for the Subjects Committee. Most of them are from Provincial Congress Committees. Out of about half a dozen resolutions recommended by the Punjab Congress Committee, one is for carrying out the Constructive Programme in the country with the collaborated efforts of the Congress Councillors and Congress workers outside. Another resolution is for the release for the Sikh prisoners and other political prisoners in other provinces, special stress being laid on the Bengal Detenues.—Free Press.

PROSPECTS OF UNITY WITHIN CONGRESS.

MR. PRAKASAM ON RESPONSIVISTS' PROGRAMME

PANDU (Congress Camp), Dec 23.

Mr. T. Prakasam, who arrived here by the Assam Mail via Calcutta, in the course of an interview with a representative of the Free Press of India, on the question of unity of all ranks within the Congress, said: "There is no good of patched up unity. It must be real. There is a great chance of the No-Changers, and those who have entered the Councils in the last elections of working and working together the constructive programme which is the very breath of national life in our country, and which alone will ultimately enable us to establish Swaraj. The No-Changers not only tolerated the pro-changers all this period, but most of them actually helped the Congress candidates and contributed in no small measure to the success of the Congress in the last election.

DUTY OF CONGRESS COUNCILLORS.

I feel that it is the duty of the Congress Councillors and the No-changers to come to a definite and common and working programme which will prepare the country for a final struggle. The bitterness that once lingered in the minds of these two sections has disappeared and nothing should now stand in the way of their unity. If only those who have entered the legislatures spread themselves into the country when they are not actually engaged in the Councils and co-operate with the No-changers to organise the country, the best work will be done. I also believe that this would ultimately induce Mahatmaji to lead the country once again to its goal."

RESPONSIVISTS AND CONGRESS PARTY.

Asked particularly about the prospects of unity between the Responsivists and the present Congress Party, Mr. Prakasam observed. "As for unity between the newly-formed Responsivist party and the Congress party, the prospects do not seem to be so bright just at present. If I have understood Mr. Jayakar's programme correctly, the difference between the two is in regard to the national demand itself. Mr. Jayakar contends that the national demand should be reduced to granting of some responsibility, power and initiative to work the transferred subjects. In other words, the national demand of the Congress presented in the Assembly should be abandoned and the Reforms should be worked if only some power and responsibility is given to work the transferred subjects. Even provincial autonomy is given up by Mr. Jayakar and his party. If the Responsivists should insist upon substituting the demand of theirs in place of the national demand there is very little prospect of unity. If the national demand is reduced to the working of the transferred subjects, it is nothing but unconditional surrender on the part of the Congress and the country. If a case is made out for such surrender it is much better to do it publicly and without all these circumventions.

THE CAWNPORE PROGRAMME.

The programme of the Congress laid before the country since its Cawnpore session is the minimum that could be thought of and it is a perfectly legitimate and constitutional one. If the Responsivists could reconcile themselves to this, they will be doing great service to the country. They must either persuade the Congress to their view or accept the Congress verdict in the same manner in which they had worked for six long years. Their insistence on some responsibility or power being granted before the transferred subjects could be worked is a bright feature of their programme. Although they had placed their programme before the country for nearly one year and declared their willingness and readiness to work the Reforms, if at least so much of responsibility as is necessary to work the transferred subjects was granted, there has not been any gesture or response from the Government to welcome them. I am unable to know why the Responsivists are insisting upon their programme being accepted by the Congress under the present circumstances, and I hope they will be able to realise that the surrender of a programme of minimum resistence is a national humiliation, and that in that case, India will not deserve for centuries the freedom she is seeking for."—Free Press.

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE.

Asked about the resolution of launching civil disobedience in the country at once passed in the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee over which he resigned the Presidentship of the Committee and withdrew the resignation subsequently, Mr. Prakasam said that, whatever might have been the position of Andhra with reference to civil disobedience, considerations must be made about all the provinces before launching the final step of the national struggle on a general scale. Mr. Prakasam added, "Civil disobedience is not a matter to be thought of just at present without carrying on the constructive programme throughout the country. It is a matter of much gratification that many no-changer leaders helped the council programme of the Congress in the last elections. A good number of those who have entered the legislatures this time are persons who have absolute faith in the constructive programme and if they and the no-changers join hands and work together in the country at least for twelve months and re-establish a network of Congress organisations it might be time then to think of civil disobedience."—Free Press.

CAWNPORE CONGRESS REPORT

REASONS FOR DEFICIT.

PANDU (Congress Camp) Dec. 23.

The timely publication of the report of the Cawnpore session has given added interest to a critical review. The report is perhaps the best hitherto produced and is very neat in its get up. It has been published by Mr. A. R. Iyengar, General Secretary, All-India Congress Committee. Considering the small resources at the command of the Gauhati Reception Committee it looks a herculean task, when it is found in the report that Cawnpore Congress expenses came to Rs. 177,000. Even Cawnpore where Reception Committee membership and local donations brought about Rs. 72,000 showed a deficit of Rs. 7,000, the problem of making both ends meet is thus very acute before those who organise the Gauhati Congress.

The most significant passage in the Cawnpore Report and one which will be a live issue at this session is that wherein the secretaries of the Reception Committee point out 'The change in Congress Constitution has reduced the Delegates fee from rupees 10 to Re. 1 only. This reduction came into effect for the first time at Cawnpore. It is not within our scope to deal with the question of delegates fee. But we may point out that its reduction to such a low figure will considerably add to the difficulties of the future Reception Committee." This session's Working Committee is expected to recommend the old fee of Rs. 10.—A. P. I. Special Service.

A NEW FILM.

"The Veiled Enemy" is the title of a new film released by Shree Krishna Film Co., at the Krishna Cinema in Girgaum. The plot of the story deals with a revenge planned by a Jagirdar, whose wife kills herself rather than submit to attempts made by Maharaja Jalimsingh to violate her chastity. But before the actual revenge takes place the Jagirdar is himself killed and on his death-bed he enjoins his friends to carry on the fight under the guidance of the VEILED ENEMY. The story develops in interesting stages to a sensational climax and there is plenty of fighting, good acting and scenery. The interest in the plot is kept upto the very end and the imagination of the cinema man kept keyen up, to know who the actual Veiled Enemy is. The thrilling climax is well worth a visit to the theater to see. The story is quite out of the ordinary.

A scene from "The Veiled Enemy" which is being screened at the Krishna Cinema this week.

KABUL INDIANS' APPEAL FOR UNITY

LAHORE, Dec. 23.

The special correspondent at Kabul of the "Zamindar", Lahore communicates the following two resolutions passed at a meeting of the Indian residents there.—

This meeting of Indians residing in Kabul respectfully urges upon the 41st session of the Indian National Congress to make complete freedom of India as its ideal, and, this meeting calls upon the leaders of all creeds and nationalities in India to do their utmost to bring about Hindu-Muhammadan unity as also t brinng other.

OBSERVE CONGRESS DAY.

Mr. M. K. Achariya, M.L.A. in a letter to the press suggests to those congressmen who have not been able to do Gauhati the desirability of observing the Congress day by holding public meetings and repeating their allegiance to the Congress.—A. P.

DECLARE INDIPENDENCE AS GOAL.

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 24.

The Hinndustani C. P. Provincial Congress Committee has passed a resolution recommending to the Indian National Congress to declare complete independence its goal.

The Committeee also resolved that there should be an endeavour to unite all parties bu tthat offices under Governmet should in no case by accepted unless all national demands or a substantial portion of them be granted by Government. It further resolved that until detenus were released or tried inn courts ff law, there should be no talk of Congressmen forming ministry.—A. P.

APPEAL FOR UNITY.

BOMBAY, Dec. 24.

The following telegram has been sent to the President of the Congress by Mr. Shapurji Congresswalla:—

'My best wishes for the success of the Congress. The Swarajists' ideal of India's progress was expected fulfilment. God granting, unity is expected for the Congress ideal's materialization. Long live Gandhiji, S. Srinivas Iyengar, Sarojini Devi and Mr. Phookan, Chairman, Reception Committee, Congress."

ADVANCE KHADDAR.

ENCOURAGING ANNUAL REPORT.

PANDU (Congress Camp) Dec. 23.

'A consideration of the present state of Khadi work and a comparison with what it was in 1921 or 1922 will convince one that not only is there a greater quantity of Khadi produced, but there is also a wider field of operations," says the annual report of the All-India Spinners' Association which was organised in September 1925 as an integral part of the Congress under Mr. Gandhi's presidency. The Association has now submitted its report to the Congress. The report is a most businesslike document and gives a clear exposition of its work with figures which speak for themselves. It is claimed by the report that progress has been so marked and encouraging that while in 1922-23 provinces like Bengal and Gujarat depended for Khadi to a large extent on Andhra, Tamil and the Punjab, today Bengal has production of over 4½ lakhs, Gujarat of nearly one lakh, while the provinces which were supplying Khadi to these provinces have not only decreased their production, but in some cases have made considerable progress in quality.—A. P. I. Special Service.

VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE.

NEED FOR MORE ENROLMENT.

PANDU, (Congress Camp), Dec 24

Under the presidency of Mr. T. C. Easwami, the Volunteers' Conference will commence its session to-morrow morning at eight. After the speeches of the Chairman of the Reception Committee and the President, a condolence resolution will be moved at the death of Swami Shradanand.

Only two resolutions will be moved at the Conference, one requesting the Congress to allow every Provincial Congress Committee to enrol Congress members throughout the country with the help of the volunteers of the Hindustan Seva Dal and the other will be moved to request the Congress allow all volunteer organisations, temporary or permanent, under the control of the Congress Committees to be under the direct control of the All-India Volunteer Corps.—Free Press.

AMENDMENT OF CONGRESS CONSTITUTION.

MR. BHOPATKAR'S REQUEST TO CONGRESS GENL. SECRETARY.

POONA, Dec. 24.

Mr. Bhopatkar, President, Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee, has addressed the ollowing telegraphic letter to the General Secretary, Congress, Gauhati:—"Yet too ill to move out of bed. Hope my yesterday's telegram supporting the adoption of responsive co-operation policy by the Congress in Council matters has reached you and that you will kindly read it out to the House when the Maharashtra Provincial Committee's resolution on that subject comes up for discussion. Please place the Committee's resolution dealing with the amendment of the Congress constitution.

SWADESHI CLOTH VS. KHADDAR

The first in this respect suggests the substitution of the wearing of Swadeshi cloth in the place of khaddar with a view to widen the door of the Congress and to bring about unification of all political parties in teh country. This alteration will remove the long-standing grievance of those who have conscious objection to this condition. It will do away with the dividious distinction made between hand-made and mill-made cloth. It will elevate Congress politics from what appears to be a political cult to a higher plane. It will broaden the basis of he Congress and restore it to its former position. The amendment is not suggested with a view to discourage the wearing of khaddar, but with the honest motive of saving the Congress from being a narrow-visioned sectarian institution. The amendment makes the wearing of khaddar optional and not compulsory as at present. There is a strong feeling abroad against this condition which I am told has reached the ears of Mahatma Gandhi and he has not the least objection to its removal. The spinning Association will do its work of popularising the production and the wearing of khaddar and it is superfluous now for the Congress to insist upon the retention of this condition.

DELEGATION'S FEE

The second resolution regarding the Congress constitution is about raising the delegation fee from rupee one to ten. I belive the Working Committee itself proposed to move. Well and good. If not it is necessary.

WORKING COMMITTEE.

The mistake committed at Belgaum should be repaired at Gauhati. By accepting this amendment. The third resolution proposes to substitute a new method of constitution of the Working Committee in the place of the present one. The general idea therein is to get all the provinces are to be elected by the All-India LII .|| flk }. wwiwif klglbupll one. The general idea therein is to get all the provinces represented on the Working Committee and representatives of provinces are to be elected by the All-India Congress Committee members of the respective provincial committees. Past experience tells us that the constitution on these lines is imperatively necessary in the interests of all provinces. The Working Committee, exercising as it does all the powers of the All-India Congress Committee. In actual life it has become increasingly hazardous to keep the formation thereof as it is. It should be so formed as ti give representation to each Congress province under the Congress constitution and by the method mentined above. The Working Committee (being the executive body of the A. I. C. C., it is supremely desirable to have all provincial mentalities and points of view thereon. It should cease to be cribbed, cabined and confined body if it is to fnction satisfactorily. A. P.

RETURNS OF ELECTION EXPENSES.

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 24.

Returns of election expenses filled before the authorities here show Pandit Motilal Nehru declares the expenditure of only four annas while that of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya shows that he spent nothing.—A. P.

DELEGATES FROM GUJERAT.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23.

About 40 delegates are expected to attend the Gauhati Congress from Gujerat, majority of them are No-changers. Prominent amongst them are Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel, Mr. Manilal Kothari and others.—Free Press.

SIR MANUBHAI RELIEVED.

MR ROTHFELD TO BE "AMYAT.'A'

BARODA, Dec. 24.

Sir Manubhai Mehta has been relieved, Dewan Bahadur Ganapatrao Gaikwad is acting as Dewan for the present.

Mr. Otto Rothfeld, it is likely, will be appointed as "Amatya." He comes here to-morrow, when his terms will be settled.—Free Press.

A London message of December 22 says:—It is officially announced that the output of British coalfields during the week ended December 11th was 4,467,000 tons by 886,000 workers.—Reuter.

THE TRAGEDY AND AFTER.

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come as a pretended convert to the Arya Samaj.—A. P.

BODY TO BE TAKEN IN PROCESSION.

MURDERER MAKES CLEAN CONFESSION.

It is understood on realiable authority that Abdul Rashid, the murderer, has made a clear confession to the police, although what he said in regard to his motive is not known. He is still undergoing examination at the hands of Khan Sahib Hakim Ikramul Haq, Deputy Superintendent C. I. D. who is in charge of the case.

Swamiji's body will not be disposed off till after two days as his relatives from the Punjab are expected. In the meanwhile, Lala Deshbandhu Gupta, editor of the daily "Tej" is keeping watch over the body of the departed sage. The Hindu public is anxious that the burial must be a public function in which they should take part to do honour to the memory of Swamiji. It is certain that the remains of Swami Shradhanand will be taken in a procession throughout the thoroughfares.

DHARAM SINGH STILL ALIVE.

ASSAILANT'S CLEAN CONFESSION

(From Our Correspondent.)

DELHI, Dec. 24.

The unconfirmed report that Dharam Singh was dead is unfounded.

After Dharam Singh had been removed Abdul Rasheed was then removed to the police station, where for over two hours, he was closetted with Khan Saheb Hakim Ikram Haq, Deputy Superintendent of C. I. D., who was examining him, and taking down his statement. Either due to any antecedents suddenly discovered, or due to his terrifying looks even the kindly disposed Mr. Morgan allowed the assailant to be bound down by a chain probably to prevent him from escaping.

In the course of his statement which took nearly two hours from half past seven to half past nine in the evening, the accused made a clean confession of his guilt. What else exactly he confessed the police would not say. While being polite to a degree, Mr. Morgan showed strange reticence to take the press into his confidence, but an uncontradicted report from a very reliable source says that the accused said that he was a native of Bhulandshahr District, was a petition writer by profession, sitting on the pavements on Chandni Chowk to eke out his livelihood and that he was living with his relatives in the vicinity of Jumma Musjid. He is further reported to have confessed his motive.

When asked about this matter Mr. Morgan would give no reply to our representative save a wink of the eye but it is believed that the accused told the police that his motive was his hatred of Swamiji arising out of the latter's intense shuddi activities. "

A GREAT NATIONAL LOSS

NEED OF EDUCATION IN NATIONALISM

GAUHATI, Dec. 23.

Pandit Motilal Nehru in a statement to the Associated Press called Swami Shradhanand's death a great national loss and hoped this would not come in the way of the restoration of friendly feelings between Hindus and Mussalmans so essential for India's progress towards Swaraj.

Moulana Abul Kalam Azad observed that the incident was an eye-opener to the Congress to educate the country in true nationalism and that the action of one fanatical Mussalman should not incriminate the whole Muslim community.

Mr. Phookan said that this sad incident should not put Hindus in the wrong.—A P.

MR. IYENGAR'S STATEMENT.

In the course of a statement to the Associated Press Mr. Srinivasa Iyengar declares that the Swami's death is a national loss for the Swami's services for the uplift of the untouchables, and for the reorganisation of Hinduism were unique. "But let us not be betrayed into investing this tragic incident with an all-India communal importance which it does not and cannot possess. From this we must learn a lesson that communal harmony has become more than ever necessary, and the path which has been so far chosen by communal enthusiasts is one which leads to gravest consequences."

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NEED FOR MUTUAL GOODWILL

(From Our Correspondent.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24.

Sjt. T. C. Goswami said: "It is a terrible news, if true. What is communalism leading us to? For obvious reasons repercussions of this awful tragedy have to be feared and guarded against by the utmost goodwill on the part of the leaders of both communities."

PURSUE HIS NOBLE MISSION

(From Our Correspondent.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24.

The news of the tragic death of Swami Shraddhananda was received here with a great shock. Lala Lajpat Rai stated in an interview, immediately after the tragic message was received, "it is a sadly shocking news and has upset all my plans. I planned an engagement for a sea trip to Colombo and was to sail to-morrow morning, but this news compels me to cancel the trip and either to proceed to Gauhati or to Delhi.

The Hindus, owing to this tragic death of their leader should not lose the balance of their mind, but should continue his works with great determination and zeal."

I hope this cold-blooded murder of the Swami will unite all the Hindus in the pursuit of the Swamiji's noble mission undeterred by fears and undismayed by any kind of despair."

DIED A MARTYR'S DEATH.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24.

Mr. Jayakar said:—"I join in the message that Lala Lajpat Rai has given and request the Hindus not to get excited, but to consider fully the question of work for which, Swami Shradhananda has died a martyrs death, and urge them to continue his work in spite of such occurrences.

I was thinking of going to Lack to Bombay because of my bad health, but having regard to this new development which has taken place I have cancelled the idea and I am going to Gauhati to-morrow."

VIEWS OF PROMINENT INDIANS.

MR. JINNAH SHOCKED AT NEWS.

"I am shocked to read the news of the dastardly attack made upon the life of Swami Shraddanand" said Mr. M. A. Jinnah to an Associated Press representative expressing the feelings of the Muslim community. "I am sure that Mussalmans of India will condemn this outrage as much as the members of other communities in India. Crimes of this nature are likely to destroy all freedom of thought and national life in the country. I personally know Swami Shraddanand and I deeply regret his being taken away from amongst us in this manner My deepest sympathies go out to the members of his family."—A. P

"DIED AS A SOLDIER."

LEADERS ON THE ATROCITY.

Swami Satyadev said "Swami Shradhanand has died as a soldier doing his duty at the post. I envy his death. If fanatical Muhamedans think that by shooting Swami Shradhanand they have done any service to Islam, they are greatly mistaken. Thousands of Shradhanands will rise to take the place of the great Swami in the cause of Shuddhi and Sangathan.

Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, M.L.A., said that "The news was shocking. I hope no Musalman in the country of any school of thought whatever, will hesitate to condemn the atrocious crime of which the Swami was the victim."

Mr. T. R. Phookhan, Chairman of the Reception Committee of the Congress said "If it is a fact that a Mahomedan killed him, he must be an extreme fanatic or lunatic I cannot conceive that Mahomedans could conspire to take away the life of a person like Swami Shradhanand simply because he was carrying on Shudhi movement. Because there are many Mahomedans who are converting Hindus and no sane Hindu would think of taking the life of any one of them. Sincerely hope that this sad incident will not put Hindus in the wrong."

ANNIHILATION OF NATIONAL LIFE

LAHORE, Dec. 23.

Referring to Swami Shraddhanand's death, Diwan Chamanlal said: "One of the greatest shocks of my life was to hear of the Swamiji's death. I have no words with which to express the deep anguish felt by me at the calamity which is nationwide. Swamiji was known to me personally and I had the deepest affection and regard for him. In our national life he was a towering personality and one of those great men who are a living inspiration to the youth of India. This is the greatest crime and the most tragic in our recent history. I pray to providence that my countrymen may learn a lesson and abide in peace remembering the greatness of this great dead leader of the Hindus of India. My appeal is to close their ranks if they want to save themselves from annihilation of our national life."—A.P.

MONUMENT TO SWAMIJI.

BOMBAY, Dec. 24.

Mr. B. F. Bharucha says:—

"Swami Shradhanandji, founder of Hardwar Gurukul, Saviour of Delhi during 1919 crisis, Defender and Elevator of our depressed classes, has met a martyr's death. My Hindu countrymen, bear your souls in patience and take a solemn vow to-day to fulfill Swamiji's last and life long wish—Unity in Congress—Unity in India—and real fraternity with the untouchable millions. That I submit, would be an outstanding and abiding monument to Swami Shradhanandji of dear and revered memory."—Free Press."

AVERT NATIONAL CALAMITY.

LALAJI AND JAYAKAR'S APPEAL.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24

In connection with the murder of Swami Shradanand at Delhi, Lala Lajpat Rai and Mr. M. R. Jayakar in a special message through the Associated Press exhort Hindus not to be nervous but to keep cool. The situation, they say, is very critical and this is just the time when concerted action of leaders of all shades of opinion will avert a national calamity. They appeal to the Hindus not to do anything which may have the appearance of reprisal or add to the bitterness of feeling between the two communities "Hindu religion forbids any such action."

LALAJI PROCEEDS TO DELHI.

MR. JAYAKAR TO FOLLOW SUIT?

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24

Lala Lajpatrai leaves for Delhi to-night where he thinks his presence is urgently needed to prevent any manifestation of anti-Moslem feeling and also to be available for advice to Hindus. It is likely that Mr. Jayakar will accompany Lala Lala Lajpatrai to Delhi to-night.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION IN CONGRESS.

PANDU (Congress Camp), Dec. 24.

Though elaborate arrangements had been made for elephants procession to welcome President and other leaders who arrive this afternoon, the Reception Committee have just decided to abandon the Presidential procession. Touching messages of condolence are being sent by both Hindu and Muslim leaders to Prof. Indra, son of the late Swami. When the Congress meets, the first resolution will be of condolence over the Swami's death. Consequently the idea of a monster meeting which was to be organised by the Hindu Sabha this afternoon, has been given up after consultation with the Congress leaders. Mr. T. R. Phookan, Chairman, Reception Committee, officially announces: "In view of the brutal murder of Swami Shraddhanandji and as a mark of respect to his memory, the procession arranged in honour of the President-elect of the Congress has been abandoned."—A. P. I. Special Service.

SUGGESTION TO POSTPONE CONGRESS PROCESSION.

PANDU (Congress Camp), Dec. 24.

News that Swami Shradhananda has been murdered by the revolver shot by a Mahomedan has reached here and has given a shock. The Hindu Mahasabha special session has been fixed for 27th and 28th and it remains to be seen whether this news will interfere with this programme. As Pundit Malaviya's movements are unknown, nothing can be stated definitely. There is most widespread regret in Congress circles as Swami Shradhanand has a most distinguished record of service to the Congress and his efforts after the Punjab Disturbance of 1919 are recalled—news has shocked as much the Hindu leaders as the Muslim leaders like Maulana Abul Kalam Azad who have arrived here—there is a suggestion in some quarters that the Presidential procession may be abandoned to-morrow.—A. P. Special.

INDIGNATION IN KARACHI

KARACHI, Dec. 24.

The assassination of Swami Shradhananda has created great indignation in Karachi. The Hindus are observing 'hartal' and a huge mourning procession is organised to be followed by a monster meeting in the evening. Enlightened Muslims in the city regret the fanatic action and say that it should not incriminate the whole Muslim community.—Free Press.

BOMBAY'S CONDOLENCE.

NATIONAL MOURNING DAY TO-MORROW.

A mass meeting of the citizens of Bombay was held on Friday evening at Chowpatty sands, Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas presiding. The Chairman after explaining the object of the meeting appealed to the Hindu community to exercise tolerance and restrain their feeling in blaming the Muslim community which was in no way responsible for the dastardly act of a single individual. Swami Shraddhanandji, he said, had sacrificed his life in the service of his country and he urged Indians of all shades of political opinion to follow his example.

ONE OF INDIA'S GREATEST SONS.

Mr. K. Natrajan then moved: This public meeting of the citizens of Bombay convened under the auspices of the Bombay Presidency Hindu Mahasabha and the Arya Samaj, condemns the dastardly outrage committed by a fanatic Mohamedan at Delhi in the assassination of Shri Swami Sharaddhanandji Maharaj, one of India's greatest and noblest sons and records its deep sense of sorrow and loss sustained by the country in general and the Hindus in particular. This meeting calls upon the Hindus to carry on the great work of Swamiji undeterred by any obstacles for the good of the Motherland.

Mr. Natrajan in moving his resolution said a thrill of horror has passed throughout the country by the murder of Swamiji. He did ont remember in his life any other occasion in which such feeling was experienced throughout the country. Swami Shraddhanand was known throughout India as a personal friend and a noble and courageous worker for the good of his country, and they felt that by his death a dear old relative or friend had been carried from amidst them. In the dark spot, however, he said: there was one bright side and that was that Mohamedan leaders all over the country were denouncing the dastardly outrage which they considered an outrage on their own community. They must not consider, Mr. Natrajan said that because the miscreant was a Mohamedan the whole community was to be blamed. They should all get rid off the communal resentment and anger and pledge themselves to carry on the noble work of the late Swamiji of social amelioration, education of the depressed classes, abolition of castes and upliftment of women.

Kunvar Chanker Sharda seconded the resolution and narrated the passive resistance of Swami Shraddhananji at Dholpur where in spite of his being showered with brick bats he remained cool and adamant and urged his adherents to remain non-violent.

Mr. G. K. Nariman supported the motion, and said that Swami Shraddhanandji was his guru, and he had more than once tested his sincerity and found that the late Swamiji maintained no ill-will towards anybody, and hated not even his propositon.

Dr. Kalyandas, Dr. Savarkar Desai and Mr. Shivdas Chapsey also supported the propreation.

Mr. B. F. Bharucha urged Indians to commemorate Swamiji's memory by uplifting the depressed classes.

Mr. L. R. Tairsee said that though Swamiji was a Hindu, he considered himself an Indian first. He, therefore, appealed to the audience to take up the work left by Swamiji as a national duty.

The Chairman in putting the motion to the vote also referred to the name of Dharam Singh who had also sacrificed his life while saving his master's life.

The proposition was carried, the audience standing as a mark of respect.

Mr. B. G. Kher then moved: "This meeting authorises the Chairman to communicate the above resolution to the son of the deceased Swamiji.

Swami Onkerji and Mr. Talpade seconded the resolution and it was carried.

SUNDAY—DAY OF NATIONAL MOURNING.

Mr. F. J. Ginwalla then moved: "This meeting further calls upon all Hindus of Bombay to observe Sunday (the 26th inst.) as a day of national mourning and to organise bhajan and prayer. Mr. R. P. Karandiker seconded the resolution and it was carried.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

SUNDAY'S PROCESSION.

To-morrow (Sunday) a procession will be formed at and start from the Arya Samaj Mandir, Kakadwadi, Girgaum Back Road (near Marbanvdi Police Station) at 7-30 a.m., and go to Chowpatty to take bath and pray for peace to Swamiji's soul.

PUPILS WHO DIDN'T PASS.

A questionnaire set to three hundred South Wales school-children between the ages of twelve and fifteen contained questions on literary, scientific, Scriptural, mathematical, and geographical subjects.

A cipher was described by a boy of twelve as "a cheap flat fish." This question, naturally enough, was badly answered, but only eight per cent. did not attempt it.

Some of the most amusing answers were found in the geography section. One paper contained the disclosure that "the people of the Steppes walk on stilts in order to avoid the snakes."

Geography taught another scholar that "the best about the Dutch is that they give too little and ask too much," whilst a boy answered a question in the scientific section by stating that "a carburettor is a place where they dance all night." Another boy stated that "Durham is famous for sheep-stealing because the people of Scotland are so close."

The only brilliant answer to the Scriptural questions was: "It was St. Paul who said that there was no mean city, but he preached in Greece, not Scotland!"

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RACING AT MAHALUXMI.

GOOD SPORT AT THIRD WINTER FIXTURE

BARNETT RIDES THREE WINNERS

Backers experienced another profitable afternoon at Mahaluxmi yesterday, for several favourites materialised. It turned out to be a great day for Mr. Barve whose colours were to the fore twice during the afternoon. Hewitt was the busiest man among the trainers, for he saddled three good winners, Barnett's clever riding contributing in large measure to this success.

Rubdan's defeat came as no surprise for he received too much attention from the handicapper.

The outstanding performance was that of Moss in the Magdala Plate where he overcame the disadvantage of a bad position and won very easily.

Mr. Wadia was credited with the big prize, which his handsome three year old, Leinster Wonder, annexed in easy style.

Among the jockeys, Barnett rode with conspicuous success, piloting Hewitt's treble. Brace, C. Hoyt, Easton, F. Black and T. Hill steered a winner apiece.

A beginning was made with Division I of the Bhuleshwar Plate for which sixteen starters were saddled. Punters had eyes for little else than Solomon's Son, and the six year old was an "even" money favourite at the bill. In the race itself he easily asserted his superiority over his field, Barnett never being given an anxious moment. McQuade induced Murti in the position of runner up. Baig and Ghurfa had an interesting duel for third place the former prevailing in the end. The latter appeared to lose ground coming around the turn for home and must be counted unlucky. Budder, now in the case of Byramji, ran very creditably making much of the pace. He may prove a good horse to follow.

Backed like a good thing in Division II Pekin encountered two better than himself in Sabiq and Amar. Mr. Najmuddin's Grey was extremely well handled by Easton and however well Amar was going, he could never quite get up to the winner. The favourite Pekin was simply not good enough and Brace had to ride him hard to secure a placing. Wright told its tale in the case of Bhushar who never looked a possibility at any stage of the race.

There was some very open betting for the Moderate Plate where Pack Up, The Typhoon Visington Planet and Gift O'the Glen were evenly backed. Victory belonged to Visington Planet a well balanced three year old gelding owned by Mr. Ormonde well bred by Flying Orb—Queen Herodias. It was this youngsters first outing and he demonstrated that he has more than useful speed. The Typhoon was late on the scene and should have done better over a longer distance. Crushed Glass is in humble company these days but can still raise a gallop. Pack Up went out a fit near home after racing with the front rankers for a part of the journey.

Kummerazzaman continued his winning he trounced smart opposition in a singular way in Division I of the Vehar Plate without an effort. Backed down to very short odds Rubdan finished among the beaten brigade. The handicapper evidently set much store by the bazaar gossip regarding the serviceability of this new Arab Champion. He was out handicapped and was never in it with a chance from the distance. Hashash and Silver Thrush took the minor placings. Both show to better advantage over a distance of ground.

The Ellesmere Handicap cut up badly only six starters riding to the post. Punters divided their attention between Beaver Puff and Heera Mahal, the former winning up a warmer favourite. He was a big disappointment in the race finishing a wretched third after a good break away. Heera Mahal in spite of his big impost won very comfortably from Songe Dore. Dalcassian came with a great burst at the end and is one to keep an eye on.

Molony saddled the winner of the 'Xmas Plate where Leinster Wonder made short work of the opposition. The son of Pommedeterre was a popular winner and won so easily that a few races are sure to come his way. Portsoy improved on his last display, which, to say the least, was disappointing. A late finishing effort saw Proud Chieftain take the remaining placing. The colt might have been nearer the judge had he made a more sprightly beginning than he did. Eltonian ran well enough to be remembered for a future occasion.

Moss owed his success in the Magdala Plate to a forceful bit of riding on the part of his jockey Brace. A long way back until the turn was negotiated, he responded gamely when called for an effort, and was able to cut down Lord Aldborough and Nougat who looked like having the finish to themselves. Hongat was beaten into fourth place near home, after what appeared to be a price of interference. It was no surprise when the red trail went up. Backers of the favourite had no cause for anxiety, for the objection for bumping, which was eventually upheld, was against Lord Aldborough. Mr. Rosenthal's grey was disqualified and placed last by the Stewards.

The second division of the Vehar Plate was characterised by an interesting finish, which saw Mr. Barve's Amood first home from Moosaad and Andhra Valley. He was one of the best backed in the field. So punters had no cause for complaint. Noor-ul-Mulk made the pace for his stable mate but his strides shortened in the last furlong and he went out of the picture.

THE BHULESHWAR PLATE (Div. 1).

Distance 1 mile.—Winner, Rs. 1,500; second, Rs. 500; third, Rs. 250. Terms for Arabs in Class III.

Mr. A. S. Moloobhoy's SOLOMON'S SONG, (8-10) ..... Barnett.

Messrs. G. Peerbhoy and M. S. Rajub's MURTI, (8-3) ..... McQuade.

Mr. Ayub Asad's BAIG (7-13,) carried (8-3) .....J. W. Brace. 3

Mr. Abdul Aziz A. Karim's GHURFA, (8-7) ..... Herbert.

Not run:—Rose Royal (8-10), Failsuf (8-3), Fatha (8-8), Anwar (8-6), Istamboul (8-3), Ghali (8-2), Five Fifty (7-4).

The Race.— Budder and Solomon's Song gave trouble. When they were released Budder led by lengths from Safeer, Roman, Rokis and Solomon's Song with Cyprus last. Nearing "five" the order was Budder, My Moon, Rokis, Murti and Safeer. Cyprus and Baig tailed off the field. They negotiated the turn in this order. Up the straight Solomon's Song drew out and won hand held from Murti who was under the whip. Baig covered alot of ground and was a good third at the finish.

Won by 2 1/2 lengths; 1/2 length; a neck. Time: 1 minute, 51 4/5 seconds.

First totalisator paid Rs. 19-8 for win, and Rs. 14, Rs.30-9 and Rs. 25-8 for places.

Second totalisator paid Rs. 9-8 for win, and Rs. 7, Rs. 16 and Rs. 11 for places.

Favourite:— Solomon's Song

Winner trained by L. H. Hewitt.

THE BHULESHWAR PLATE (Div. II).

Distance 1 mile.—Winner, Rs. 1,500; second Rs. 500; third, Rs. 250. Terms for Arabs in Class III.

Mr M. Najmuddin's SABIQ, (9-1) .....Easton 1

Mr. D. S. Barve's AMAR, (8-6) ..... Barnett 2

Mr. Eve's PEKIN, (8-10) ... J. W. Brace 3

Mrs. L. A. Raynean's AMARA (9-2) ..... Beshman 4

Did not run: Ferdinand (9-5), Nayint (9-3), Shiavji Prasad (9-1), Mexica (8-0), Glad Eye (8-3).

The Race.— Haboob gave trouble but got away well. Durban made the early running from Malta, Haboob, Sabiq, Amar and Pekin. At "five" Sabiq became second to Durban the others following in the same order. Sabiq came to the front at "three" and led Amar into the straight. Amar challenged Sabiq but Easton kept him going to win comfortably. Pekin came up late to finish third.

Won by a neck; 1 1/2 lengths; 1 length. Time: 1 minute, 50 4/5 seconds.

First totalisator paid Rs. 20-8 for win, and Rs. 21-8, Rs. 27 and Rs. 15 for places.

Second totalisator paid Rs. 43 for win, and Rs. 11, Rs. 12 and Rs. 7-8 for places.

Favourite: Pekin.

Winner trained by Mahomed Khailan.

THE MODERATE PLATE.

Distance 5 furlongs.—Winner, Rs. 3,000; second Rs. 1,000; third Rs. 500. A handicap for horses in Classes III and IV.

Mr. Ormonde's VESINGTON PLANET (8-11) ..... T. Hill. 1

Mr. Eve's THE TYPHOON (9-1) ..... J. W. Brace. 2

Mr. Kelso's CRUSHED GLASS, (8-1) ... S. J. Meekings. 3

Mr. D. S. Barve's THEONA (8-1) ... D. J. Morris. 4

The Race.—Pack up moved out slowly but soon caught up his field. Vesington Planet dashed to the front chased by Crushed Glass, Pack Up, Gift O'the Glen and The Typhoon. There was no change in the running till they entered the straight when The Typhoon moved up. Vesington Planet went on to win comfortably from The Typhoon who was travelling fast near home. Theona displaced Pack Up for fourth places.

Won by 3/4 length, neck, 1/2 length.

Time:—1 minute, 1 3/5 seconds.

First totalisator paid Rs. 40 for win, and Rs. 17-8, Rs. 15-8, and Rs. 40 for places.

Second totalisator paid Rs. 19-8 for win, and Rs. 9, Rs. 7-8 and Rs. 17-8 for places.

Favourite: Vesington Planet, Pack Up and The Typhoon.

THE VIHAR PLATE (Div. I).

Distance 6 furlongs.—Winner, Rs. 4,500; second, Rs. 1,500; third, Rs. 750. A handicap for Arabs in Classes I and II.

Mr. Mark's KUMMERUZZAMAN. (7-11) C. Hoyt 1

Mr. R. H. Ghagan's HASHASH (8.3) ... Howell 2

Mr. Heath's SILVER THRUSH, (9.0) ... Clarke 3.

Mr. Heath's HAWAM, (8-0) ..... T. Hill 4

All ran.

The Race.—Kowkab stood off and took no part in the race. Frances led for a space. Then Amalh went to the front pursued by Rubdan, Hashash, Silver Thrush and Kummeruzzaman. They maintained this order till well into the straight where Hashash looked a winner until collared by Kummeruzzaman who went strong to win easily. Silver Thrush was a good third in front of Hawam.

Won by 3 lengths; 2 lengths; 1 length. Time:—1 minute 20 4/5 seconds.

First totalisator paid Rs. 75 for win, and Rs. 22, Rs. 39-8, and Rs. 32 for places.

Second totalisator paid Rs. 44-8 for win, and Rs. 11-8, Rs. 18, and Rs. 18-8 for places.

Favourite: Rubdan.

Winner trained by Cumberally.

THE ELLESMERE HANDICAP.

Distance 6 furlongs:—Winner, Rs. 4,00; second, Rs. 1,250; third, Rs. 750. A handicap for horses 3 and 4 years old only.

Mr. D. S. Barve's HEERA MAHAL (8-7) ..... Barnett. 1

H. H. Maharaja of Kolhapur's SONGE DORE, (8-6) ..... Herbert. 2

Mr. J. A. Irani's BEAVER PUFF, (8.9) ..... Beshman 3

Mr. J. Reynold's DALCASSIAN, (8-4) ... C. Hoyt 4

Not run:—Blackwood (9-0), Tradition (7-10).

The Race.—A level start Beaver Puff to the front hotly pursued by Heera Mahal, Songe Dore and Henrietta. At "five" Heera Mahal assumed command, Beaver Puff bringing up the others. In the run home Songe Dore challenged the leader but he lasted to win comfortably by a neck. Beaver Puff was a poor third.

Won by neck; 4 lengths; 1 1/2 lengths. Time.—1 minute 14 seconds.

First totalisator paid Rs. 42-8 for win, and Rs. 19-8, and Rs. 20 for places.

Second totalisator paid Rs. 21-8 for win, and Rs. 10, and Rs. 10-8 for places.

Winner retained by L. H. Hewitt.

THE X'MAS PLATE.

Distance 6 furlongs.—Winner, Rs. 10,000; second, Rs. 3,000; third, Rs. 2,000. A handicap for horses in Classes I and II.

Mr. C. N. Wadia's LEINSTER WONDER, (6-10) ..... F. Black 1

Mr. Eve's PORTSOY, (8-2) ..... C. Hoyt 2

Mr. R. H. Ghagan's PROUD CHIEFTAIN, (7-2) ..... Beshman 3

Messrs. G. E. D. Langley and Shantidas Askuran's QUITCH (7-7 .... D. J. Morris 4

The Race.—A poor start Stone Marten badly left while Proud Chieftain also got away poorly. Eltonian cut a merry pace from Leinster Wonder, Kaser Girl, Quitch and Portsoy. Past "three" Leinster Wonder took command and Eltonian weakened at this stage. Going well Leinster Wonder easily held off a strosg challeng from Portsoy. Proud Chieftain covered a good deal of ground and was a good third.

Won by 2 lengths, 1/2 length, 1 1/2 lengths.

Time:—1 minute, 12 3/5 seconds.

First totalisator paid Rs. 30 for win, and Rs 14-8, Rs. 62-8, and Rs. 15 for places.

Second totalisator paid Rs. 15 for win, and Rs. 7, Rs. 29, and Rs. 8 for places.

Winner trained by Major A. W. Molony.

THE MAGDALA PLATE.

Distance 7 furlongs.—Winner, Rs. 6,000; second, Rs. 2,000; third, Rs. A1,000. A handicap for horses in Classes II and III.

Mr. Adeshir Cursetjee's MOSS, (9-4) ... J. W. Brace. 1

Mr. Marquis' GEORGINA (8-5) ..... A. Beshman 2

Messrs. G. E. D. Langley and Shantidas Askuran's NOUGAT, (8-3) D. J. Morris 3

Not run:—Rose Water (7-0).

The Race:—Nougat dwelt slightly but was soon well up with the field. Lord Aldborough took a flying start and raced lengths in front of Absorbent, Nougat, Precious Lass, Arrowy and Moss. Frailty brought up the rear Lord Aldborough continued in the race till well into the straight where he was challenged by Nougat and later Moss. A fine race home saw Moss secure the verdict by 1 length. An objection against Lord Aldborough was upheld Georgina and Nougat being placed second and third respectively. Lord Aldborough was given fourth place.

Won by 1 length; short head; neck.

Time.—1minute 26 4/5 seconds.

First totalisator paid Rs. 23-8 for win, and Rs. 14-8, Rs. 20-8 and Rs. 22 for places.

Second totalisator paid Rs. 12 for win, and Rs. 7, Rs. 10 and Rs. 12 for places.

Winner trained by J. K. Irani.

THE VIHAR PLATE (Div. II).

Distance 6 furlongs.—Winner, Rs. 2,250; second, Rs. 750; third, Rs. 350. A handicap for Arabs in Classes I and II.

Mr. D. S. Barve's AMOOD (8.0) Bearnett

Mr. S. Mahalla's MOOSAAD, (7-4) ..... C. Hoyt

Mr. F. A. Baaji's ANDHRA VALLEY (3-11) ..... Burs 3

Mr. Khadavi A.'s RED PRINCE, (7-13) T. Hill 4

Not run.— Mijiris (7-3).

The Race.—A poor start. Noorulmulk made the early winning from Hazal, Najian, Amood, Red Prince, Moosaad and Othello, Andhra Valley bringing up the others. Rounding the turn Amood drew up and won an exciting race from Moosaad and Andhra Valley who came late. Red Prince finished fourth under the whip.

Won by neck, 1 1/2 length, 1 1/2 lengths. Time.—1 minute, 20 4/5 seconds.

First totalisator paid Rs. 36 for win, and Rs. 29-8, Rs. 31-8, and Rs. 16-8 for places.

Second totalisator paid Rs. 18 for win, and Rs. 16-8, Rs. 15, and Rs 8 for places.

A Calcutta message of December 23 says:—Sir B. N. Mitra with Sir Alexander Murray visited the Kankinara Jute Mill to-day. He also inspected mill bustees and the office of the local Labour Union with Mr. K. C. Roy Chaudhury.—A. P.

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BOMBAY AMUSEMENTS.

PATHE CINEMA

Judging from the number of people who literally had to force their way into the Royal Opera House, during the week Harold Lloyd is more popular than ever. His latest feature length Pathe comedy, "Hot Water," opened in a storm of riotous laughter and it is perfectly safe to say that this is the greatest and funniest comedy that Harold has ever made. Indeed, anyone who can see this picture without laughing long and hilariously, must be a queer specimen of humanity.

The great thing about seeing a Lloyd comedy, is that you never know what is coming next. He is the most origmal comedian that we know of and his work is characterized by a certain quality of sparkling freshness that is most delightful. The man who said that there is nothing new under the sun, must have lived before the days of this greatest of screen comedians.

Lloyd is seen as a young married man who is continually in "hot water" with everyone, from his inlaws to traffic cops and street car conductors. The picture is running for the second week. He goes through all the trials and tribulations that have beset married men since that fatal day when Adam took a bite of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. The Eve, in his case, whose family cause a great deal of the trouble is none other than Jobyna Ralston, whose ravishing beauty caused so much eye-strain, when she was seen as the dainty heroine in "Why Worry?" and "Girl Shy."

Nothing too good can be said of Harold Lloyd and the pictures that he puts out for the entertainment of an admiring public. And the certainty hasn't disappointed anybody with this, his latest release. His humour, always versatile, always clean, rises to new heights of hilarity in "Hot Water." If you want the treat of a lifetime, don't miss it!

WEST-END CINEMA.

The management of the West-End Cinema (New Churney Road) have great pleasure to announce a splendid thrilling masterpiece production as their feature superb-picture for to-night and this week. It is a stupendous mighty paramount picture in 12 parts and is entitled "Captain Blood." It is repeated—now at the West-End Cinema—by special request. It is universally acknowledged to be the greatest picture for many years. It is the story of the adventurous and romantic days of the 17th Century, when men were condemned slaves and buccaneers terrorised the colonists of the West Indies and merchant vessels on the high seas. It features J. Warren Korrigan, Lionel Barrymore, Paige, and the scenes of the great naval battles are the last word in Motion Picture enterprise. The stirring incidents that happened in the Colony of Barbados, and the daring exploits of the Buccaneer Chieftain "Captain Blood" are very vividly portrayed. At the West-End there is this week a full two-hour programme, and there are only four shows to-day and to-morrow at. 3-30; 5-45; 8; and 10-15 p.m. (S. T.).

PRECIOUS CINEMA.

The mysterious character of the travelling medicine faker whose veiled actions have perplexed the fans in the previous exciting episodes of "The Winking Idol," at the Precious Cinema (Lamington Road) now under the management of Mr. Rustomji Dorabji, the proprietor of the West-End and Wellington Cinemas relieve the strain of suspense in the concluding final chapters which will be shown this week, when, in a scene that is sensational in the extreme, he reveals his identity in a surprising manner, throwing of the cloak of secrecy and supplying the motivation for two mad reels of stirring action.

William Desmond is the star in this gripping chapter picture, which was adapted for the screen from the celebrated novel by Charles E. Van Loan. The action revolves about the storied gold of the vanished race of Astecs and the "winking idol is the one-eyed god of that extinct race which is believed to hold the secret of the hidden treasure.

Desmond is supported by Eileen Sedgwick and a highly capable cast. Francis Ford directed. Besides the concluding parts of the serial, there is also a four parts thrilling Drama "Sheriff's Son" featuring Charles Ray and a Comedy. Altogether this week's progamme presents an entertaining variety of serial drama and comic.

WELLINGTON CINEMA.

The lovely, bewitching, Gloria Swanson comes to the Wellington Cinema (Dhobi Talao) to-night and this week in a splendid paramount picture "My American Wife" (6 parts) with the popular Antonio-Moreno and Walter Long. It is a love-story of Buenos Ayres—Paris of South Africa. Intoxicating love scenes, dazzling gowns, and an amazing love tangle of two lovers facing a hostile world together are very interestingly interwoven, Gloria's excite beauty in a warm Spanish setting in an eye-filling romance of beautiful women—a drama of a tropical land where passions and politics are the favourite sports—all these are presented in a very exciting and thrilling episode. The programme includes a two-reel comedy. The timings of the shows are now as usual, i.e. five shows to-day and to-morrow at 3-30; 5-15; 7; 8-45 and 10-30 p.m. (S. T.).

ASSAULT FOR ALLEGED INFIDELITY.

HUSBAND'S FRANK CONFESSION.

Devraj Uka (25), a Gujerati Hindu presented himself at the Agripada Police Station on Friday morning with a hammer and a big stick in his hand and wearing clothes with fresh stains of human blood on it and made a statement to the effect that he had assaulted his wife with the hammer and the stick for infidelity.

The police arrested Devraj on the spot; and on learning from him that his wife was lying in a dangerous conditions in a house at Foras Road, the police repaired there. Hirubai, the victim was found lying in a pool of blood, with her head smashed. She was removed to the J. J. Hospital where in her dying declaration she stated: "My husband has killed me".

Her condition was very dangerous and she was sinking more and more.

Devraj, however, made a confession in which he stated that his wife was faithless to him and he had assaulted her with a view to disfigure her. He added that he did not want to kill her.

"TIRED OF HER LIFE."

OLD LADY DROWNS HERSELF.

Jamnabai (55), the aged wife of one Jagannath Babaji was found in a well near Khed Talao, Delsie Road, on Thursday The police who were informed removed the body to the morgue where the Coroner held an inquest on Friday. It appeared from the evidence that the deceased was tired of her life as she was ill for a very long time.

The Jury recorded a verdict of death by drowning the deceased having thrown herself in the well.

DEAD BODY IN DOCK SHED.

The body of an unknown Hindu aged about 18 years was found in Shed No. 14 of the Victoria Docks on Thursday morning. The police who were informed, removed the body to the morgue where the Coroner's Jury recorded a verdict of death by accidental drowning, at an inquest held on Friday.

THE SPAHLINGER TREATMENT.

DOCTORS' STRIKING TESTIMONY.

NEW FACTS AND FIGURES.

In view of the controversy raised in the Bombay Corporation on the Sanitarium vs. Spahlinger treatment the following extract from "The Manchester Guardian" will be read with interest:—

A report on the Spahlinger treatment for tuberculosis which may well prove momentors in its influence of the medical profession is issued by the Council of the British Medical Association's Lancashire and Cheshire branch. The report contains detailed medical notes on the present condition of all the 46 patients treated in 1925 with the fresh partial serums and antigens which Mr. Spahlinger has produced since the war. It is shown in these notes that 80 per cent of the patients have recovered and are fit to resume their ordinary avocations, are greatly improved and continuing with their treatment. Most of those who are still in the doctors' hands have already passed on to the vaccine or antigen treatment, the purpose of which is to build up an active immunity for future protection against the disease.

The report, which is signed on behalf of the branch Council by its honorary secretary, Dr. A. Corsar Sturrock, has been sent out to the members of the B. M. A. in Lancashire and Cheshire, in accordance with a resolution passed unanimously by the Council on October 27. It may be remembered that in March of the present year the branch decided by an overwhelming majority that a 'prima facie' case had been made out for a thorough clinical examination in this country of the Spahlinger remedies. This decision was arrived at after a study of evidence which consisted mainly in tabulated schedules giving the results in the 489 known cases of tuberculosis which Mr. Spahlinger had treated from 1912 onwards—results showing an average of 74 per cent of recoveries during 14 years, and 90 per cent of definite responses during the year preceding the inquiry.

"VERY REMARKABLE FIGURES."

Of these statistics the Council says in its present report:—

Now these are very remarkable figures and, if they can be reproduced in this country, under strictest scientific control, the words of Dr. Colleck in October 1920 will be shown to be true—that "Spahlinger's vaccine treatment for tuberculosis seems most effective in completing and maintaing the antituberculosis cure, as all the patients examined have had no relapse during a period of over six years"; and the same may be said for the pronouncement of Dr. Stephani that "the Spahlinger treatment is the most important discovery yet brought before the public and will surely revolutionize the methods of treating tuberculosis."

The detailed evidence of the present condition of the patients treated in 1925 has been supplied by Dr. F. Trechsel, of Geneva, who is described in the report as a "physician of the highest standing." The publication of the evidence has been delayed by Dr. Trechsel's absence and by the necessity of awaiting the receipts of X-ray photographs of the thorax in 40 out of the 42 pulmonary cases included in the total. These photographs confirm the diagnosis of extensive tuberculous infiltration of the lungs and in the words of the report had very greatly to the value of the value Dr. Trechsel's notes. Of the 46 cases under review of report says: "Nearly all of them were 'serum cases'—that is, cases with the severest toxic symptoms in which anti-tuberculous serum rather than antigens had to be used. Most of them had received hygienic treatment, such as fresh air, nutritious food, and rest in sanatoriums and elsewhere and had failed to respond."

Dr. Trechsel's own summary of his observations is as follows:—

(a) Five patients have died—one of influenza, one of appendicitis, and three of tuberculosis, of whom two had prematurely stopped the treatment.

N. B.—Another patient who had made a good improvement died of encephalitis lathargica in 1925, but as he had had no treatment that year his case is not included in this series.

(b) Three cases are indefinite and one is worse.

(A footnote to the report shows that this last mentioned patient returned to England and has recently died.)

(c) Seventeen cases show great improvement. They were originally T.B. but three of them are now T. B. O.

(d) Twenty cases (four surgical and sixteen pulmonary) have effected a definite recovery. Of the sixteen pulmonary cases now T. B. O. fourteen were originally T. B.

WHAT DOCTORS SHOULD DEMAND.

After setting out Dr. Trechsel's detailed notes upon each patient, the Council of the Lancashire and Cheshire branch of the B. M. A. makes the following observations:—

In the evidence before the Lancashire and Cheshire branch was sufficient in March last to convince members of the necessity for a thorough demonstration of the Spahlinger methods in this country, then this most recent report from Trechsel must surely carely even deeper conviction.

The chief result of the work of the Lancashire and Cheshire branch is that it has succeeded in digging out a number of facts and figures and from many points of view the resolution arrived at is a very important one. No organization can offer the same facilities for wide-spread and thorough discussion of a medical subject as the British Medical Association; and no doubt other branches will avail themselves of a similar opportunity of studying this subject.

Secondly, inquiry and demands for information on the subject amongst laymen are constantly increasing. The "Manchester Guardian" articles have been and, in a pamphlet form, will be still more widely read; and the only possible reply to those serious articles in a serious, respected, and responsible newspaper must be that members of the medical profession will demand and secure such a big-sialed experiment and demaustration of the Spahlinger results in this country.

Thirdly, it has demonstrated beyond all cavil the straightness and honesty of purpose of M. Spahlinger and of his *fidus Achates* Mr. Lovell their eager desire to have the claims for the treatment carried on under the most correct conditions, and their unadulterated humanitarian impulse. By these words "under the most correct conditions" is ment such a series of laboratory and clinical tests as was enunciated as essential by the Science Committee of the British Medical Association in its statement in the "British Medical Journal," April 24, 1926. Where Spahlinger and Lovell out for money they could have sold their stuff for millions to the big pharmaceutical companies of the world to be exploited for conscienceless profit along the most approved "Martin Arrowsmith" lines, without regard for the great scientific facts which may, underlie Spahlinger's theories regarding fractional toxins and partial and complete sera.

The mortality from tuberculosis is still very high, the uneconomical wastage of human energy involved in long years of tubercular incapacity is enormous, and there is surely no institution in the country so well equipped or so capable of undertaking the task of watching and controlling the clinical observation of the cases already under treatment and of supervising a projected large demonstration in this country as our live and democratic Association.

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DREDGING WORK TO BE STOPPED.

An accident occurred on board the dredger "Sir George Lloyd" whilst at work in Bombay Harbour at 4 a.m. on Thursday, causing serious damage to the pumping engine. The extent of the damage has not been ascertained. No injury was caused to any member of the crew. The accident will necessitate the stoppage of dredging by the "Sir George Lloyd" for the rest of the present working season. The damage is covered by insurance.

U. P. COUNCIL.

REAPPOINTMENT OF OLD MINISTERS

LUCKNOW, Dec. 23.

The Governor of the United Provinces has re-appointed as Ministers Rai Rajeswar Bali, Nawab Yusuf and Kunwar Rajendra Singh who were retiring from office in view of the dissolution of the Legislative Council. These ministers submitted their resignations nearly a week ago, their resignations were accepted only to-day when they were reappointed.—A.P.

ADEN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The administration of civil justice at Aden is vested under section 2 of Act II. of 1864 in the Court of the Resident, who may hear and determine all cases of a civil nature. Assistant Residents may, under section 4, try and determine all cases instituted in the Court of the Resident and which are referred to them for disposal. In all important cases an appeal from the decision of an Assistant Resident lies to the Resident; but there is no appeal from the decision of the Resident, whether acting as a Court of original jurisdiction, or as a Court of appeal, or of revision.

Section 8, however, provides that in cases in which the claim does not exceed Rs. 1,000 the Resident may, either of his own motion, or on the application of the parties, refer any question of law, of usage having the force of law, or of interpretation to the High Court. When the value of the claim exceeds Rs. 1,000 the Resident may, but must on the application of any of the parties to the suits, refer any question of fact, of law, of usage, or of interpretation, to the High Court. These references are heard by a Bench of the High Court and the suits are disposed of by the Resident in conformity with the High Court's decision.

INCREASE IN LITIGATION.

The Act providing for the administration of civil and criminal justice was passed in 1864, and Aden has since grown into an important commercial centre, with a population, if its dependencies are included, of 56,000. Many of its citizens have valuable trade connections with India and other parts of the world. Litigation has consequently increased and the cases now coming for trial in Aden Courts often involve intricate questions of law. The Resident's administrative work has also increased with the rapid development of the Settlement; and it is no longer possible for him adequately to discharge the judicial duties which are imposed on him by the Act of 1864.

The proposal contained in the amending Bill is to preserve the Resident's jurisdiction, as it is at present, but to afford him relief from his judicial duties by taking power to appoint a Judicial Assistant to the Resident, who will be able to exercise in any case, or class of cases, referred to him, all the powers now exercised by the Resident. The intention is to appoint an experienced judicial officer to the post of Judicial Assistant, who will in future relieve the Resident of the whole, or at least, of the greater part of his civil judicial work whether original, revisional or appellate. The Judicial Assistant will exercise powers similar to those of a Joint Judge under the Bombay Civil Courts Act (XIV of 1869) and will ordinarily be the Court of Appeal in civil cases, and will also have the power of making references to the High Court at Bombay under section 8 of the Act.

On the Criminal Side section 22A which is an amendment effected by Act V of 1918 already makes provision for the appointment of one of the Assistant Residents as an Additional Sessions Judge; and it is intended that these powers also should in future be vested in the Judicial Assistant who if the amendment now proposed is effected, will then be empowered to dispose of all the criminal work which is now done by the Resident and the 1st Assistant Resident.

Provision has also been made for the creation of a Bar in the Aden Courts, for the enrolment of advocates, pleaders and attorneys and for their appearance on behalf of parties in all civil and criminal proceedings in the Courts in Aden.

The Act contains no provision for the appointment of District, Honorary, Special and Bench Magistrates. Appointments of Honorary, Special and Bench Magistrates have sometimes been made in the past; but Government have since been advised that these appointments were of doubtful legality. Advantage is being taken of this amending Bill to provide for such appointments being made in the future and also to legalize all acts and orders done and made in the past by such Magistrates.

Some of the references in the Act which are now antiquated are also being modernized.

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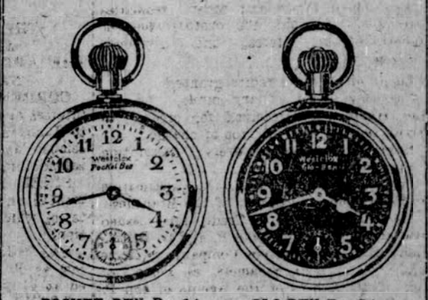
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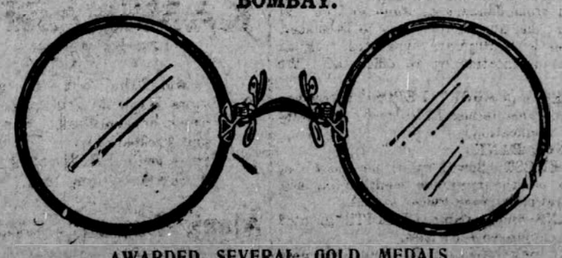
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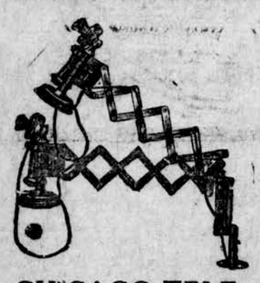

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DR. MOONJE ON HIS SUCCESS.

POONA, Dec. 20

Last week witnessed the final settlement of the disputes in connection with the constitution of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee, and the elections to the A. I. C. C., on behalf of the M. P. C. C. According to the article of the Congress Constitution, three arbitrators were appointed by the disputing parties and the President of the Congress. The Provincial Congress Committee had selected Dr. Moonje out of the pannel, the disputing party had nominated Mr. Syed Murtiza of Madras, and the President of the Congress had appointed Mr. Ganesh Shankar Vidvarthi as his representative. The three arbitrators came to Poona, investigated the disputes, examined the parties to the disputes, and gave their award in favour of the Provincial Congress Committee. The award has declared that, throughout, the M. P. C.C. has acted legally, and that the elections to the A. I. C. C. held by the M. P. C. C. are perfectly valid. It was proved before the Board of arbitrators, that the no-changers had carried out some elections to the M. P. C. C. in an illegal manner. There is no doubt that the M. P. C. C. is in the hands of the Responsive Co-operation Party. But so long as, the Responsivists are there with the full backing of the majority of the M. P. C. C., none can succeed in ousting them from their position.

DR. MOONJE HONOURED.

Dr. Moonje's presence in Poona was taken advantage of by certain public institutions, such as the M. P. C. C. and the the Hindu Sabha, to publicly honour him for the splendid success he achieved in the last election against Mr. Abhyankar. The meeting was held under the Presidentship of Mr. N. C. Kelkar who had come down specially from Shirwal, where he had gone for rest, and it was very largely attended. Mr. Kelkar at the beginning briefly described the significance of the triumph of Dr. Moonje at the polls, and summarised his political career since 1905. He depicted him as a strong disciple of Lok. Tilak and as an unbending pillar of Hinduism. In course of his speech, Dr. Moonje described that in him was combined the spirit of the two garlands that were put round his neck at the beginning and at the end. The first garland was on behalf of "Kesari & Mahratta" Office, and the last was on behalf of the Hindus of Hyderabad State. He said that the two garlands will clinch the issues that made his election successful. The issues were the politics as represented by "Kesari" and the "Mahratta" "School," and the pride of Hinduism as represented by the Hydrabad Hindus. He then proceeded to describe how Hinduism was a tolerant religion, but he maintained that in the Swaraj which he wanted, Hinduism must not suffer any diminution in strength, in spirit or in numbers. Private meettings also were held in honour of Dr. Moonje's visit, and during the two days, he was in Poona, he had literally not a moment free.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS.

On the eve of the Christmas week, Poona schools and colleges generally celebrate their annual social gatherings, and Poona being to a great extent a city of students, the young generation appears to be exceedingly busy with the functions in relation to their gatherings. The Anniversary of the Fergusson College was held some days ago under the presidentship of Mr. Balakram, I.C.S. The gathering of the New English School Hostel was held under the presidentship of Mr. N.R. Gunja M.L.C., The Gathering of the New Poona College was beautifully celebrated on Thursday last, in its new buildings on the Maharaja grounds. The students of the New Poona College had selected Dr. Kurtakoti to preside.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

The local Municipality has decided to start a journal of its own. The Chief Officer of the Municipality, Prof. S. R. Bhagwat has been granted leave for one year from first of January, and in his place, Mr. Tambolkar the Municipal Engineer is to act for him. In the place of Mr. Tambolkar, a new man is to be appointed. The Local School Board has prepared its budget of education for the next year. The Budget is to come up for the discussion before the general body of the Municipality.

SANSKRIT COLLEGE IN POONA.

A movement is afoot in Poona to establish a Sanskrit College in Poona, on the lines of the Sanskrit Colleges at Benares, Calcutta and Lahore and other places. The idea has been before the Poona public since 1912. But for one reason or another, it was in a state of dormancy. Now a strong committee has been formed, with Mr. Vasudeoshastri Abhyankar as President and Dr. Belwalkar as Secretary, and several prominent gentlemen of the City as members of the Executive Committee, to expedite the work of starting the College. For the housing of the College, the committee is trying to demand from the Government, the Vishrambag Wada which was formerly the place in which, Sanskrit Pathashala was carried on for long years. A public meeting is to be held on the 2nd Jany, to give support to the idea of this college and it is expected that it will soon bear some fruit.

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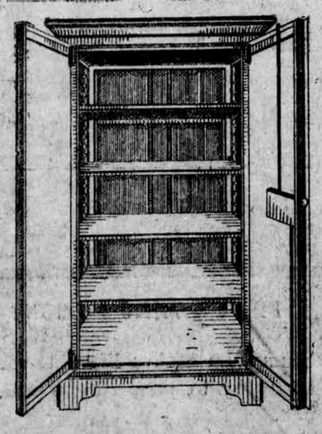

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ANNUAL THEOSOPHICAL CONVENTION.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE.

BENARES, Dec. 23.

Arrangements have been completed for the celebration of the fifty first annual convention of the Theosophical Society. About a thousand delegates are expected to arrive during the Christmas week. Mrs. Besant is in California touring with Mr. Krishnamurti. Amongst the notable Theosophists, Rev. Leadbeater, Rev. Arundale and Mr. Jinarajadesa have arrived and will deliver public lectures on "The Theosophists' Attitude to Death and Unseen," "Nationalism and Internationalism" and "Art and Arts." —A.P.

VACCINATION IN BOMBAY PRESIDENCY

The Triennial Report on Raccination in the Bombay Presidency ending with 1925-26 shows that small-pox prevailed in a severe form during the first quarter of the year in Surat, Broach and Ahmedabad Districts. This infection in Gujerat continued over from last year. It gradually died out in Broach and Kaira Districts but elsewhere it lurked on in a mild form during the second and third quarters of the year and again assumed an epidemic form in Surat District. It also appeared in Bijapur, East Khandesh, Thana, Sholapur, Larkana, Sukkur and Aden. As usual, failure to notify the appearance of infection until the epidemic was well established and beyond control was noticed in a number of places.

During the year 1925-26, 673,235 persons were primarily vaccinated against 623,209 in the previous year and 631, 850 in 1923-24. "On the whole there was an increase" says the Report, "but by Registration Circles a decrease was observed in the Southern and Central Circles and in Bombay City. The decrease in Bombay City was due to an unprecedented number of vaccinations having been performed during the past two years." The average annual number of successful cases during the triennium was 556,544 against 530,632 in the previous triennial period, an increase of 25,912. The percentage of successful cases in which the results were checked was 99,58 against 99,71 in 1924-25 and 99,72 in 1923-24.

The number of re-vaccinated persons during 1925-26 was 135996 against 114, 231 in 1924-25 and 112,268 in 1923-24. The annual average number of persons re-vaccinated during the triennium was 120,832 against 102,421 in the preceding triennium, showing an increase of 18,411. The average number of successful re-vaccinations was 27,566 during the triennium against 24,762 in the preceding triennial period.

The cost of vaccination amounted to Rs. 6,25,016 against Rs. 6,15,187 and Rs. 6,18,353 in the years 1924-25 and 1923-24 respectively. The average cost of each successful case of vaccination was Rs. 1-0-10 against Rs. 1-1-2 in the previous year and Rs. 1-1-1 in 1923-24.

The Compulsory Vaccination Act was further extended to the Ahmednagar and Belgaum Cantonments and to Dharwar Town.

A Dacca message of December 23 says:—It is authoritatively announced that a procession in connection with the anual Mahatsab ceremony at Rekabi Bazar, Munshiganj on 20th December, passed off peacefully. The District Magistrate and the Superintendent of Police with a large number of armed force went along with the procession.—A.P.

Sir Sivaswami Iyer, President-elect of the All-India National Liberal Federation, left Madras to-night with a few delegates for Akola via Bombay. He will reach Akola on the 26th instant.—A.P.

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RANGOON, Dec. 23.

Hubert Stern, a young Frenchman, arrested a few days ago on the arrival of s.s. "Ellora" from Calcutta on a charge of assaulting and outraging the modesty of Miss Well was brought to-day before the District Magistrate, Major Robson. A witness examined deposed the accused was of unsound mind and showed signs of delusions, performed anti-social acts and rendered himself dangerous. The Magistrate further demanded the accused to be placed under further observation at the mental hospital. The case has been fixed for the 6th January.—Free Press.

BRITISH BURMAH PETROLEUM CO., LD

At the general meeting of the British Burmah Petroleum Co., held in London on 17th inst, under the presidency of Hon. Lionel Holland who in the course of his speech said:—conditions in Oil Business were much the same as last December Demand for products continues satisfactory, prices remain steady, but at low level prevailing since 1922. Renewed economics and improved methods of refining enabled the financial strength of business to be maintained and increased profits made despite diminishing supplies.

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BOMBAY GOVT. GAZETTE.

December 23.

Mr. P. N. Moos, I.C.S., Assistant Judge, Ahmedabad, to be attached to the High Court of Judicature at Bombay for training for a period of three months from the date of the opening of that court after the Christmas holidays.

Mr. H. M. Willis, I.C.S., is granted, with effect from 9th March 1927, or the subsequent date on which he may relieved, leave on average pay for eight months.

Mr. W. H. Thomas, Executive Engineer, Projects, in the Reclamation Branch of the Development Directorate, is granted with effect from the 3rd January 1927 leave on average pay for one month and four days, combined with leave on half average pay for five months and eighteen days, with permission to prelr the Christmas holidays thereto.

Mr. A. W. W. Mackie, I.C.S., is granted, with effect from 4th March, 1927 or the subsequent date on which he may be relieved, leave on average pay for four months combined with leave on half average pay for four months.

Mr. A. R. Dalal, I.C.S., to be temporarily Financial Adviser to the Development and Public Works Departments including the Lloyd Barrage and Canals Construction in addition to his own duties as Deputy Secretary to Government, Finance Department, with effect from the afternoon of 23rd December.

The services of Lieutenant Colonel W. O'S. Murphy, are placed at the disposal of the Government of India with effect from 1st November.

ALL-INDIA OLYMPIC MEET

On the invitation of Sir Dorab Tata, president of All-India Olympic Association a meeting was held on Thursday evening at his residence at Waudby Road to consider the question of holding an All-India Olympic meet in Bombay.

Sir Dorab in explaining the object of the meeting said that they had to consider holding a meet in Bombay this year so that six men could be sent down to Calcutta to compete with other Presidencies in order to qualify for the All-India team for the Olympic Sports to be held at Shanghai in August next. After a hot discussion, the following suggehtions were approved of.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. That the All-India sports held by the Y. M. C. A. in January next should be held jointly with the Bombay Presidency Olympic Meet so that the expenses would be considerably reduced and that the residential qualifications for competitors from otheer parts should be two years as followed by other Presidencies.

2. That the events should consist of:—100 yards, 220 yards, quarter-mile half-mile, one mile, five miles, 120 yards hurdles, running, high and broad jumps, 16 pounds shot put, one mile relay, and the Marathon (10 miles).

As for the funds Mr. Bryant pointed out a sum of Rs. 3,000 was necessary to meet the expenses including sending six men to Calcutta. Sir Dorab has contributed a sum of Rs. 500 and the Maharajah of Patiala has granted a similar amount. A sum of Rs. 471 was collected at the meeting itself and a vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

A resolution was passed at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Native Share and Stock Brokers' Association held on the Tuesday last under the presidentship of [illegible] placing on record the Board's expression of deep regret at the inability of Mr. A. H. Madon to render further honorary active service to the Association [illegible]

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